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AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to regulations promulgated for systematic and sustained efforts to find work for unemployment benefits

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 591 of the labor law, as amended by section 12 of part O of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. Availability, capability, and work search. No benefits shall be payable to any claimant who is not capable of work or who is not ready, willing and able to work in his or her usual employment or in any other for which he or she is reasonably fitted by training and experience and who is not actively seeking work. In order to be actively seeking work a claimant must be engaged in systematic and sustained efforts to find work. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations defining systematic and sustained efforts to find work and setting standards for the proof of work search efforts. SUCH REGULATIONS SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR CLAIMANTS TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE FOR THEIR CHILD OR CHILDREN, AND THE REGULATIONS SHALL ENSURE THAT SUCH CLAIMANTS ARE ABLE TO SATISFY THE STANDARDS FOR PROOF OF WORK SEARCH EFFORTS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the same date as the reversion of subdivision 2 of section 591 of the labor law as provided in section 10 of chapter 413 of the laws of 2003, as amended.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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