

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 14, 2021

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to allowing a claimant who voluntarily separates from employment during the COVID-19 emergency to receive unemployment benefits

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 593 of the labor law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

3 1-a. Voluntary separation during the COVID-19 declared emergency. A
4 claimant shall not be disqualified from receiving benefits for voluntary
5 separation from employment during the period of declared emergency under
6 Executive Order 202 of 2020, where such claimant has left employment due
7 to the fear of exposure to COVID-19 while employed at such employment.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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