

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 877

Short Title: Repeal UI Disqual. for Trailing Spouses. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Wainwright; Faison, Lucas, and Pierce.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business, and Entrepreneurship, if favorable, Finance.

March 31, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE TWO-WEEK DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
2 COMPENSATION BENEFITS AS A RESULT OF LEAVING WORK TO
3 ACCOMPANY A SPOUSE TO A NEW PLACE OF RESIDENCE FOR WORK IN A
4 DIFFERENT LOCATION AND TO MAKE THOSE BENEFITS NONCHARGEABLE
5 TO THE EMPLOYER.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 96-14(1d) reads as rewritten:

9 "(1d) For the purposes of this Chapter, any claimant leaving work to accompany
10 the claimant's spouse to a new place of residence where that spouse has
11 secured work in a location that is too far removed for the claimant
12 reasonably to continue his or her work shall ~~serve a time certain~~
13 ~~disqualification for benefits for a period of two weeks beginning the first day~~
14 ~~of the first week after the disqualifying act occurs with respect to which~~
15 ~~week an individual files a claim for benefits.~~ constitute good cause for
16 leaving work. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subdivision, any
17 claimant leaving work to accompany the claimant's spouse to a new place of
18 residence because the spouse has been reassigned from one military
19 assignment to another shall be deemed good cause for leaving work.
20 Benefits paid on the basis of this subdivision shall not be charged to the
21 account of the employer."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

