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2 Introduced by Representatives Grad of Moretown, Krowinski of Burlington,

3 Pugh of South Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Buxton of

4 Tunbridge, and Fay of St. Johnsbury

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Labor; Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors' Transitional

8 Employment Program; eligibility

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to change the requirements for

10 eligibility to participate in the Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors'

11 Transitional Employment Program.

12 An act relating to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors'  
13 Transitional Employment Program

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 1253 is amended to read:

16 § 1253. ELIGIBILITY

17 The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall make all determinations for

18 eligibility under this chapter. An individual shall be eligible for up to 26

19 weekly payments when the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner determines that the

1 individual voluntarily left work due to circumstances directly resulting from  
2 domestic and sexual violence, provided the individual:

3 (1) Leaves employment for one of the following reasons:

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5 (D) The individual is physically or emotionally unable to work as a  
6 result of experiencing domestic or sexual violence.

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8 Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 1255 is amended to read:

9 § 1255. PROCEDURES

10 (a) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner or designee shall review all claims for  
11 payment and shall promptly provide written notification to the individual of  
12 any claim that is denied and the reasons for the denial.

13 (b) Within 30 days after receipt of a denial, the individual may appeal the  
14 determination to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner by requesting a review of  
15 the decision or requesting a hearing. On appeal the individual may provide  
16 supplementary evidence to the record. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall  
17 review the record within seven working days after the notice of the appeal is  
18 filed and promptly notify the individual in writing of the ~~commissioner's~~  
19 Commissioner's decision. The decision of the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner  
20 shall become final unless an appeal to the ~~supreme court~~ Supreme Court is

1 taken within 30 days of the date of the ~~commissioner's~~ Commissioner's  
2 decision.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.