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2 Introduced by Representatives Sharpe of Bristol, Buxton of Tunbridge,
3 Conquest of Newbury, Davis of Washington, Donovan of
4 Burlington, Emmons of Springfield, Fisher of Lincoln, Haas of
5 Rochester, Hooper of Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town,
6 Komline of Dorset, Krowinski of Burlington, Macaig of
7 Williston, Martin of Wolcott, McFaun of Barre Town, Miller of
8 Shaftsbury, Mrowicki of Putney, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz
9 of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Pugh of South Burlington,
10 Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Taylor of Barre
11 City, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Woodward of Johnson

12 Referred to Committee on

13 Date:

14 Subject: Labor; unemployment compensation; disregarded earnings

15 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to eliminate the
16 one-week waiting period and provide a slope out of unemployment insurance
17 for those persons who obtain employment.

18 An act relating to an unemployment insurance slope

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

2 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 1338a is amended to read:

3 § 1338a. DISREGARDED EARNINGS

4 (a) An individual shall be deemed “partially unemployed” in any week of
5 less than full-time work if the wages earned by the individual with respect to
6 such week are less than the weekly benefit amount the individual would be
7 entitled to receive if totally unemployed and eligible. As used in this section,
8 “wages” in any one week includes only that amount of remuneration to the
9 nearest dollar ~~which~~ that is in excess of ~~30~~ 20 percent of the individual’s
10 weekly wage, ~~or \$40.00, whichever amount is greater.~~ For each dollar of
11 wages earned in excess of 20 percent of the individual’s weekly benefit, the
12 weekly benefit amount shall be reduced by \$0.60.

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14 Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 1343(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with
16 respect to any week only if the commissioner finds that all of the following
17 requirements are met and the individual:

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19 (4) ~~Prior to any week for which an individual claims benefits, the~~
20 ~~individual has been totally or partially unemployed for a waiting period of one~~

1 ~~week during the individual's benefit year and any extended eligibility period.~~

2 ~~No week shall be counted as a week of total or partial unemployment:~~

3 ~~(A) If benefits have been paid with respect to that week.~~

4 ~~(B) Unless the individual is eligible for benefits with respect to that~~

5 ~~week in all respects except for the requirements of subdivision (2) of this~~

6 ~~subsection or of subdivision 1344(a)(5)(C) of this title.~~

7 ~~(C) Unless it occurs after benefits first become payable to any~~

8 ~~individual under this chapter. [Repealed.]~~

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10 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.