

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Commerce and Economic Development to which was  
3 referred House Bill No. 646 entitled “An act relating to unemployment  
4 insurance” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and  
5 recommends that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 9, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in  
7 lieu thereof two new sections to be Secs. 9 and 10 to read:

8 Sec. 9. 21 V.S.A. § 1338a is amended to read:

9 § 1338a. DISREGARDED EARNINGS

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

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1 Sec. 10. 21 V.S.A. § 1343(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with  
3 respect to any week only if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that all of  
4 the following requirements are met and the individual:

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6 ~~(4) Prior to any week for which an individual claims benefits, the~~  
7 ~~individual has been totally or partially unemployed for a waiting period of one~~  
8 ~~week during the individual's benefit year and any extended eligibility period.~~  
9 ~~No week shall be counted as a week of total or partial unemployment:~~

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

11 ~~(B) Unless the individual is eligible for benefits with respect to that~~  
12 ~~week in all respects except for the requirements of subdivision (2) of this~~  
13 ~~subsection or of subdivision 1344(a)(5)(C) of this title.~~

14 ~~(C) Unless it occurs after benefits first become payable to any~~  
15 ~~individual under this chapter. [Repealed.]~~

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17 Second: By adding a section 11 to read:

18 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

19 (a) This section, Secs. 1, 3, 4(h) (rulemaking for self-employment  
20 assistance program), 5–7, and 9-10 shall take effect on passage.

1           (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Sec. 4(a)–(g) and (i) shall apply  
2           retroactively on January 1, 2014.

3           (c) Sec. 8 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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8           (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Representative Botzow

FOR THE COMMITTEE