

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

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

6 First: In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 342a, in subsection (a), after “a response”, by
7 inserting to the specific allegation in the complaint filed by the employee or the
8 Department

9 Second: In Sec. 9, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in
10 lieu thereof three new sections to read:

11 Sec. 9. 21 V.S.A. § 1325 is amended to read:

12 § 1325. EMPLOYERS’ EXPERIENCE-RATING RECORDS;

13 DISCLOSURE TO SUCCESSOR ENTITY

14 (a)(1) The Commissioner shall maintain an experience-rating record for
15 each employer. Benefits paid shall be charged against the experience-rating
16 record of each subject employer who provided base-period wages to the
17 eligible individual. Each subject employer’s experience-rating charge shall
18 bear the same ratio to total benefits paid as the total base-period wages paid by
19 that employer bear to the total base-period wages paid to the individual by all
20 base-period employers. The experience-rating record of an individual subject

1 base-period employer shall not be charged for benefits paid to an individual
2 under any of the following conditions:

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4 (F) The individual voluntarily separated from that employer to
5 accompany a spouse who is on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces or who
6 holds a commission in the foreign service of the United States and is assigned
7 overseas as provided by section 1344(a)(2)(A) of this chapter.

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9 Sec. 10. 21 V.S.A. § 1344 is amended to read:

10 § 1344. DISQUALIFICATIONS

11 (a) An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:

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13 (2) For any week benefits are claimed, except as provided in subdivision
14 (a)(3) of this section, until he or she has presented evidence to the satisfaction
15 of the Commissioner that he or she has performed services in employment for
16 a bona fide employer and has had earnings in excess of six times his or her
17 weekly benefit amount if the Commissioner finds that such individual is
18 unemployed because:

19 (A) He or she has left the employ of his or her last employing unit
20 voluntarily without good cause attributable to such employing unit. An
21 individual shall not suffer more than one disqualification by reason of such

1 separation. However, an individual shall not be disqualified for benefits if the
2 individual left such employment to accompany a spouse who is on active duty
3 with the U.S. Armed Forces or who holds a commission in the foreign service
4 of the United States and is assigned overseas and is required to relocate by the
5 U.S. Armed Forces due to permanent change of station orders, activation
6 orders, or unit deployment orders, and when such relocation would make it
7 impractical or impossible, as determined by the Commissioner, for the
8 individual to continue working for such employment unit.

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10 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

11 (a) This section and Sec. 4(h) (rulemaking for self-employment assistance
12 program) shall take effect on passage.

13 (b) Secs. 1–3, 4(a)–(g) and (i), and 5–10 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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17 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE