

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0161

Unemployment benefits-apprenticeships.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady and Nelson and
Senator(s) Boggs, Harris and Meier

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; providing
2 eligibility for unemployment benefits to individuals in
3 apprenticeship programs; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-307 by creating a new subsection
9 (d) is amended to read:

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11 **27-3-307. Eligibility when enrolled in approved**
12 **training program; standards for training program approval.**

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14 (d) Notwithstanding W.S. 27-3-306(a)(i), (iii) and
15 (iv) or 27-3-311(a)(ii) and (iii) or federal law relating
16 to availability for, active search for, failure to apply

1 for and refusal to accept suitable work, an unemployed
2 individual who is otherwise eligible is eligible for
3 benefits for any week if he:

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5 (i) Is participating in an apprenticeship
6 program;

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8 (ii) Is attending instruction related to the
9 program when the instruction does not exceed four (4) weeks
10 during the benefit year of the individual and the
11 attendance in the instruction is required as a condition of
12 the individual's continued enrollment in the apprenticeship
13 program and the instruction meets the approval of the
14 division;

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16 (iii) Provides the division with a copy of his
17 apprenticeship agreement; and

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19 (iv) Establishes to the satisfaction of the
20 division that the training is scheduled by a work related
21 entity other than the claimant.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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