

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0116

Unemployment benefits-apprenticeships.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Martin, Bagby, Boswell and  
Walsh and Senator(s) Boggs 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 otherwise  
2 eligible individual is eligible for benefits for any week  
3 if he is not receiving wages or compensation while  
4 participating in training in an apprenticeship program  
5 approved by the department if he:

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7 (i) Is attending instruction related to the  
8 program when the instruction does not exceed eight (8)  
9 weeks during the benefit year of the individual and the  
10 attendance in the instruction is required as a condition of  
11 the individual's continued enrollment in the apprenticeship  
12 program;

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14 (ii) Provides the division with a copy of his  
15 apprenticeship agreement;

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17 (iii) Files claims in accordance with the rules  
18 of the department;

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20 (iv) Establishes to the satisfaction of the  
21 division that the training is an approved apprenticeship  
22 program; and

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1                   (v) Has his most recent employer approve his  
2 participation in the training.

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4                   **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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