**By** the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Senators Fasano, Clary, Crist, Siplin, Lynn, Wasserman Schultz and Haridopolos

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                        A bill to be entitled
           An act relating to unemployment compensation
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           for spouses of members of the military;
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           amending s. 443.101, F.S.; providing
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           eligibility for unemployment compensation
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           benefits for the spouses of a member of the
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           military under certain circumstances; providing
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           an effective date.
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    Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
    443.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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           443.101 Disgualification for benefits. -- An individual
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    shall be disqualified for benefits:
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           (1)(a) For the week in which he or she has voluntarily
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    left his or her work without good cause attributable to his or
    her employing unit or in which the individual has been
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    discharged by his or her employing unit for misconduct
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    connected with his or her work, based on a finding by the
    Agency for Workforce Innovation. As used in this paragraph,
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    the term "work" means any work, whether full-time, part-time,
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    or temporary.
               Disqualification for voluntarily quitting continues
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    for the full period of unemployment next ensuing after he or
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    she has left his or her full-time, part-time, or temporary
    work voluntarily without good cause and until the individual
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   has earned income equal to or in excess of 17 times his or her
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    weekly benefit amount. As used in this subsection, the term
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    "good cause" includes only that cause attributable to the
    employing unit or which consists of illness or disability of
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1 the individual requiring separation from his or her work. Any 2 other disgualification may not be imposed. An individual is 3 not disqualified under this subsection for voluntarily leaving 4 work to relocate as a result of his or her military-connected 5 spouse's permanent change of station orders, activation б orders, or unit deployment orders. An individual is not 7 disqualified under this subsection for voluntarily leaving temporary work to return immediately when called to work by 8 9 the permanent employing unit that temporarily terminated his 10 or her work within the previous 6 calendar months. 11 2. Disqualification for being discharged for misconduct connected with his or her work continues for the 12 13 full period of unemployment next ensuing after having been 14 discharged and until the individual has become reemployed and 15 has earned income of at least 17 times his or her weekly benefit amount and for not more than 52 weeks that immediately 16 17 follow that week, as determined by the Agency for Workforce Innovation in each case according to the circumstances in each 18 19 case or the seriousness of the misconduct, under the agency's rules adopted for determinations of disqualification for 20 benefits for misconduct. 21 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 23 law. 24 25 26 SENATE SUMMARY 27 Provides that a person is not disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits who voluntarily leaves employment due to relocation as a result of his or her spouse's military orders. 28 29 30 31 2

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