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By Representative Springer and others

On page 8, beginning on line 21, strike all of subsection (3) and insert the following:

"(3) In determining under this section whether an individual has left work voluntarily without good cause, the commissioner shall only consider work-connected factors such as the degree of risk involved to the individual's health, safety, and morals, the individual's physical fitness for the work, the individual's ability to perform the work, and such other work connected factors as the commissioner may deem pertinent, including state and national emergencies. Good cause shall not be established for voluntarily leaving work because of its distance from individual's residence where the distance was known to individual at the time he or she accepted the employment and where, in the judgment of the department, the distance is customarily traveled by workers in the individual's job classification and labor market, nor because of any other significant work factor which was generally known and present at the time he or she accepted employment, unless the related circumstances have so changed as to amount to a substantial involuntary deterioration of the work factor or unless the commissioner determines that other related circumstances would work an unreasonable hardship on the individual were he or she required to continue in the employment."

EFFECT: The amendment deletes the changes in the bill that added "transportation and distance to work" as factors to be used in determining whether a claimant quit work voluntarily without good cause. The amendment returns the bill to current law (there is not good cause if a significant work factor known at the time of hiring changes, unless the change is a substantial deterioration of the work factor).

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