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Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to qualifications to receive, and determination
2 of, unemployment compensation benefits.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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SENATE FILE 1108 FISCAL NOTE

Date prepared: March 25, 1976
Requested by: Senator DeKoster
Prepared in regard to Senate File 1108. An Act relating to
qualifications to receive, and determination of, unemployment
benefits.

Following is the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative
proposal as required by Joint Rule 16.

It is not possible to estimate the fiscal effect of Senate File
1108 because of lack of sufficient data on work available at the
rates specified.

Source: Employment Security Commission

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1 Section 1. Section ninety-six point five (96.5), subsection
2 three (3), paragraph a, Code 1975, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 a. In determining whether or not any work is suitable
5 for an individual, the commission shall consider the degree
6 of risk involved to his or her health, safety, and morals,
7 his or her physical fitness and prior training, his or her
8 experience and prior earnings, his or her length of
9 unemployment and prospects for securing local work in his
10 or her customary occupation, and the distance of the available
11 work from his or her residence, and any other factor which
12 it finds bears a reasonable relation to the purposes of this
13 subsection. However, any work shall be deemed suitable if
14 the spendable weekly earnings available in such work are at
15 least equal to the individual's weekly benefit amount and
16 such work does not involve an unreasonable degree of risk
17 to the health, safety or morals of the individual.

18 Sec. 2. Section ninety-six point nineteen (96.19), Code
19 1975, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly,
20 1975 Session, chapters ninety-two (92) and ninety-three (93),
21 is amended by adding the following new subsection.

22 NEW SUBSECTION. "Spendable weekly earnings" of an
23 individual means the amount remaining after payroll taxes,
24 as defined in section eighty-five point sixty-one (85.61),
25 subsection ten (10), of the Code, are subtracted from gross
26 earnings, as defined in section eighty-five point sixty-one
27 (85.61), subsection twelve (12), of the Code.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill amends the suitable work requirement to mandate
30 that to qualify for unemployment compensation an individual
31 seek and accept available work at which the individual would
32 net weekly an amount equal to or greater than the amount of
33 weekly unemployment benefits for which the individual is
34 eligible.

35 The term "spendable weekly earnings" is the same as defined
36 in the workmen's compensation law. (Chapter 85 of the Code)