

HR 1802

Keep America Working Act of 2003

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 23, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 11, 2003)

Keep America Working Act of 2003 - Amends the Internal Revenue Code to expand the circumstances under which employment compensation is available to provide coverage due to the following, among other, circumstances, part-time employment, seasonal work, loss of employment due to sexual harassment, loss of child care, leaving work due to domestic violence, and base period employment of less than 20 hours per week.

Redefines the term "wages" for purposes of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

Repeals provisions: (1) allowing past Internal Revenue Service audits to act as the basis for current employment status determinations; (2) prohibiting regulations and rulings on employment status; and (3) outlining the determination of an employer's liability for certain employment taxes.

Permits unemployment compensation where separation from work is due to a spouse or domestic partner's change in residence. Specifies manner for computation of wage replacement ratios.

Amends the Social Security Act to require increases and decreases in the earnings allocated to State accounts when States meet or fail to meet funding goals.

Lowers the threshold for triggering an extended benefit period. Eliminates special Federal eligibility requirements for individuals seeking compensation in an extended benefit period.

Appropriates permanent funding from the employment security administration account for administration of State unemployment compensation, public employment offices, and veterans employment services programs.

Actions Timeline

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