

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937  
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of  
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the  
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly  
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)  
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to  
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay  
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the  
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;  
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the  
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions  
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for  
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;  
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State  
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," in extended benefits  
16 program, providing for extended benefits for coal miners.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. The act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937  
20 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, is  
21 amended by adding a section to read:

22 Section 409-A. Extended Benefits for Coal Miners.--(a)  
23 Subject to subsection (b), notwithstanding any other provision  
24 of this article, a coal miner who is laid off for lack of work

1 and who has not been advised by the employer of the date on  
2 which the coal miner will return to work, shall be eligible to  
3 receive an additional twenty-six weeks of unemployment benefits,  
4 which would constitute a full year of unemployment benefits  
5 under this act.

6 (b) A coal miner shall be ineligible for additional  
7 unemployment benefits under subsection (a) if the coal miner:

8 (1) has failed to accept any offer of suitable work, as  
9 defined under section 403-A(d), or failed to apply for any  
10 suitable work to which the coal miner was referred by the  
11 employment office;

12 (2) has failed to actively engage in seeking work as  
13 prescribed under section 403-A(f); or

14 (3) is otherwise disqualified for unemployment benefits.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.