

TRA, extended benefits trimmed

Reagan budget cuts jobless aid

Extended jobless benefits for nearly 50,000 unemployed workers in the state should end within the next few weeks after federal changes signed into law last week by President Ronald Reagan go into effect.

Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) Director S. Martin Taylor said the changes, contained in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Bill of 1981, affect not only the Extended Benefits (EB) program, but also significantly alter unemployment benefits for ex-military personnel and the Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) program.

The EB program pays jobless workers up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits beyond the 26 weeks payable through the regular state program. When combined, the two programs pay a maximum of 39 weeks of jobless benefits.

The EB program is paid for equally by state and federal taxes and goes into effect during periods of high unemployment.

The recent federal changes have altered the formula used to trigger the EB program, Taylor said. No longer will the number of current EB claimants be used as part of the formula.

"The formula change will now only consider claimants receiving regular state benefits," Taylor said. "Consequently, future EB programs will remain in effect for shorter periods of time."

The new formula took effect this week, and Taylor expects that, based on current unemployment claims loads, the MESC will stop paying EB after Sept. 12.

Michigan's current EB program began in October 1979 and has paid out more than \$245 million May. By the end of July, 48,500 jobless workers were receiving EB in the state at a

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weekly rate of approximately \$6 million.

The budget bill also made several changes to the federal Trade Act of 1974, Taylor said. The Trade Act provides benefits to workers who lose their jobs or have their hours reduced because of foreign imports.

In the future to become certified for TRA, workers will have to demonstrate that imported products have been the substantial cause of their unemployment. The current requirements state that imports must "contribute importantly" to the workers' unemployment.

"Contribute importantly" means the cause was important but not necessarily more important than any other cause. The new requirement takes effect in six months.

The following changes to the TRA program become effective Oct. 1:

- A worker will have to exhaust his or her regular state unemployment benefits and extended benefits before receiving TRA. Currently, workers can receive TRA for the same weeks they are entitled to regular state benefits and EB, but these benefits are deducted from their TRA.
- The new TRA benefits amount will be the same as the worker's regu-

lar state weekly benefit, reduced by any training allowance and by any income deductible from regular benefits under state law. TRA now pays up to 70 percent of an individual's average weekly wage, or a maximum of \$289 per week. The new TRA weekly amount cannot exceed \$182, the maximum amount allowable for the regular state program.

- TRA benefits when combined with a worker's regular state benefits and EB will not exceed 52 weeks. Workers can now receive 52 weeks of TRA benefits in addition to a possible 39 weeks of regular benefits and EB.
- TRA will not be paid for any week occurring more than 52 weeks after workers exhaust their regular state benefits. Workers can now receive TRA benefits for eligible weeks falling within two years of their layoffs.

- The changes eliminate the 26 additional weeks of TRA for workers 60 years or older. However, the 26-week extension for workers who are in approved training programs continues. Workers must apply for the training

within 210 days after their plant is certified for TRA or their most recent separation.

- Benefits for those who seek and accept work outside their local areas have been improved. Workers could be reimbursed for up to 90 percent of their job-search expenses, to a maximum of \$400. Current levels are 80 percent and \$500. Workers who move to accept a job offer will be eligible for a relocation allowance of 90 percent of their moving expenses, plus a lump-sum maximum of \$600. Current standards are 80 percent and \$500.

From October 1979 through Aug. 8, 1981, the MESC has paid nearly \$1.1 billion in TRA benefits to 296,000 eligible workers in the state. In June, the TRA claims load was 38,000, with \$19 million in benefits being paid.

The federal changes will eliminate unemployment compensation for newly discharged veterans, Taylor said.

The new law denies unemployment compensation for ex-service personnel (UCX) to those who voluntarily leave the military, including those who fail to re-enlist when eligible to do so, and to those who leave the service with less than honorable discharges.

The law applies to those who have left the service since July 1, 1981, and receive unemployment benefits based on their military service.

The number of UCX claims is normally small, Taylor said. In June, for example, the MESC made 367 first payments to new UCX claimants and paid benefits to approximately 2,130 ongoing UCX claimants. For the month, MESC paid out almost \$1.1 million in UCX benefits.



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