

S.F. No. 3053 – Available for suitable employment during remote work search

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S.F. 3053 modifies the definition of "available for suitable employment" to allow for an applicant to conduct an active work search if it may be done remotely as an exception to current law disqualifying an applicant from being gone from the labor market area. "Available for suitable employment" generally means that to maintain eligibility for unemployment benefits an applicant must be "ready, willing, and able to accept suitable employment." Under current law, an applicant who is gone from the labor market area for personal reasons other than searching for work is not considered available for suitable employment.

