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BOARD OF APPEALS

Thomas W Keech, Chairman Hazel A. Warnick, Associate Member Donna P. Watts, Associate Member

- DECISION-

Decision No.:

141-BR-89

Date:

Feb. 23, 1989

Claimant:

Marilyn Berg

Appeal No .:

8812795

S. S. No.:

Employer:

Lee's Boutione

L. O. No:

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Appellant:

CLAIMANT

Issue:

Whether the claimant failed, without good cause, to apply or to accept an offer of available, suitable work within meaning of Section 6(d) of the law.

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-APPEARANCES-

FOR THE CLAIMANT:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

REVIEW ON THE RECORD

Upon review of the record in this case, the Board of Appeals modifies the decision of the Hearing Examiner and concludes that there were mitigating circumstances for the claimant's refusal of suitable work under Section 6(d) of the law, and therefore a lesser penalty is appropriate.

In reaching this conclusion, the Board has not considered the documents sent with the claimant's letter of appeal and has not admitted them into evidence. Based on the evidence already contained in the record, the Board concludes that the claimant reasonably believed that she was only offered work on Saturdays and Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for a total of 12 hours per week and only through the holiday season. Even giving the employer the benefit of the doubt, that the employer meant for this offer to include Friday evenings and was for 18 hours per week, the Board finds that the employer failed to communicate this either to the claimant or to the agency.

Since the claimant's prior work for the employer was part-time (18 hours per week), the Board agrees with the Hearing Examiner that this job offer was for suitable work and the claimant's refusal was without good cause. However, since it was for one-third less hours per week and its duration beyond the holiday season was uncertain, the Board concludes that a minimum disqualification is appropriate.

DECISION

The claimant failed, without good cause, to accept suitable work when offered within the meaning of Section 6(d) of the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law. Benefits are denied for the week beginning October 23, 1988 and the four weeks immediately following.

The decision of the Hearing Examiner is modified.

Associate Member

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