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- DECISION-

Decision No.:

21-BR-93

Date:

January 8, 1993

Clarence Appleman, Jr.

Appeal No.:

9222580

S. S. No.:

Employer:

Claimant:

B & J Pool Contractor, Inc.

L. O. No:

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Appellant

CLAIMANT

Issue:

Whether the claimant's unemployment was due to leaving work voluntarily, without good cause, within the meaning of §8-1001 of the Labor and Employment Article.

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February 7, 1993

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FOR THE CLAIMANT:

FOR THE EMPLOYER:

REVIEW ON THE RECORD

Upon review of the record in this case, the Board of Appeals reverses the decision of the Hearing Examiner. The Board adopts the findings of fact of the Hearing Examiner. However,

the Board concludes that these facts warrant a different conclusion of law.

Although transportation to and from work is the responsibility of the employer, valid circumstances, as defined in §8-1001 of the Labor and Employment Article exist in this case.

The claimant did not have his own transportation to work when he was hired. The claimant rode to work with a co-worker. When his co-worker quit, the claimant was allowed to use a company vehicle. The employer knew when he later prohibited the claimant from using the company vehicle, that the claimant had no way to get to and from work. Public transportation was not available to get the claimant to work by 7:00 a.m. on a regular basis.

The claimant had worked for the employer for a year without his own transportation, but was incapable of continuing once the conditions had changed. The claimant's reason for leaving was a necessitous personal reason which left him no reasonable alternative but to resign. This reason amounts to a "valid circumstance" as that term is used in §8-1001 of the law.

DECISION

The claimant left work voluntarily, without good cause, but for valid circumstances, within the meaning of §8-1001 of the Labor and Employment Article. He is disqualified from receiving benefits from the week beginning July 12, 1992 and the nine weeks immediately following.

The decision of the Hearing Examiner is reversed.

Associate Member

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for approximately two months. The employer changed the company policy in regards to the trucks and required that the trucks be parked each evening at the employer's location of business. The claimant was unable to obtain other transportation to his place of work and, therefore, left his employment because of lack of transportation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Maryland Code, Labor and Employment Article, Title 8, Section 1001 provides that an individual shall be disqualified. for benefits where his unemployment is due to leaving work voluntarily, without good cause arising from or connected with the conditions of employment or actions of the employer or without serious, valid circumstances. The preponderance of the credible evidence in the record will support a conclusion that the claimant voluntarily separated from employment, without good cause, within the meaning of Title 8, Section 1001.

Transportation is the responsibility of the claimant generally. There is nothing in the claimant's employment which required that the employer would provide the claimant with transportation, therefore, the claimant voluntarily separated from employment without good cause within the meaning of Title 8, Section 1001.

DECISION

It is held that the unemployment of the claimant was due to leaving work voluntarily, without good cause, within the meaning of Maryland Unemployment Insurance Law, Title 8, Section 1001. Benefits are denied from the week beginning July 12, 1992 and until the claimant becomes re-employed, earns at least ten times his weekly benefit amount (\$2,000.00) in covered wages and thereafter becomes through no fault of his own.

The determination of the Claims Examiner is affirmed.

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