

## NAFTA TITLE V NAFTA TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND OTHER PROVISIONS

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### SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the "NAFTA Worker Security Act".

### SEC. 502. ESTABLISHMENT OF NAFTA TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new subchapter:

#### **"SUBCHAPTER D--NAFTA TRANSITIONAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM"**

NOTE: See revisions to the Trade Act

### SEC. 503. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

NOTE: See revisions to the Trade Act

### SEC. 504. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

NOTE: See revisions to the Trade Act

### SEC. 505. TERMINATION OF TRANSITION PROGRAM.

Subsection (c) of section 285 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 preceding note) is amended--

(1) by striking "NO" and inserting "(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), no assistance, vouchers, allowances, or other payments may be provided under subchapter D of chapter 2 after the day that is the earlier of--

(I) September 30, 1998, or

(ii) the date on which legislation, establishing a program providing dislocated workers with comprehensive assistance substantially similar to the assistance provided by such subchapter D, becomes effective.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), if, on or before the day described in subparagraph (A), a worker--

(i) is certified as eligible to apply for assistance, under subchapter D of chapter 2; and

(ii) is otherwise eligible to receive assistance in accordance with section 250,

such worker shall continue to be eligible to receive such assistance for any week for which the worker meets the eligibility requirements of such section."

#### SEC. 506. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) In General.--The amendments made by sections 501, 502, 503, 504, and 505 shall take effect on the date the Agreement enters into force with respect to the United States.

(b) Covered Workers.--

(1) General Rule.--Except as provided in paragraph (2), no worker shall be certified as eligible to receive assistance under subchapter D of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (as added by this subtitle) whose last total or partial separation from a firm (or appropriate subdivision of a firm) occurred before such date of entry into force.

(2) Reach Back.--Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any worker--

(A) whose last total or partial separation from a firm (or appropriate subdivision of a firm) occurs--

(i) after the date of the enactment of this Act, and

(ii) before such date of entry into force, and

(B) who would otherwise be eligible to receive assistance under subchapter D of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, shall be eligible to receive such assistance in the same manner as if such separation occurred on or after such date of entry into force.

#### SEC. 507. TREATMENT OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) General Rule.--Section 3306 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

NOTE: Not DOL related

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

NOTE: Amends the Internal Revenue Code and Social Security Act--not DOL related

(c) STATE REPORTS.--Any State operating a self-employment program authorized by the Secretary of Labor under this section shall report annually to the Secretary on the number of individuals who participate in the self-employment assistance program, the number of individuals who are able to develop and sustain businesses, the operating costs of the program, compliance with program requirements, and any other relevant aspects of program operations requested by the Secretary.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.--Not later than 4 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall submit a report to the Congress with respect to the operation of the program authorized under this section. Such report shall be based on the reports received from the States pursuant to subsection (c) and include such other information as the Secretary of Labor determines is appropriate.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE; SUNSET.

(1) Effective date.--The provisions of this section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Sunset.--The authority provided by this section, and the amendments made by this section, shall terminate 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.