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1 AN ACT Relating to unemployment compensation during labor disputes;  
2 amending RCW 50.20.090; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.090 and 1988 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) An individual shall be disqualified for benefits for any week  
7 with respect to which the commissioner finds that the individual's  
8 unemployment is((÷

9 (a)) due to a strike at the factory, establishment, or other  
10 premises at which the individual is or was last employed((÷or

11 (b) ~~Due to a lockout by his or her employer who is a member of a~~  
12 ~~multi-employer bargaining unit and who has locked out the employees at~~  
13 ~~the factory, establishment, or other premises at which the individual~~  
14 ~~is or was last employed after one member of the multi-employer~~

1 ~~bargaining unit has been struck by its employees as a result of the~~  
2 ~~multi-employer bargaining process~~)).

3 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply if it is shown  
4 to the satisfaction of the commissioner that:

5 (a) The individual is not participating in or financing or directly  
6 interested in the strike (~~or lockout~~) that caused the individual's  
7 unemployment; and

8 (b) The individual does not belong to a grade or class of workers  
9 of which, immediately before the commencement of the strike (~~or~~  
10 ~~lockout~~)), there were members employed at the premises at which the  
11 strike (~~or lockout~~) occurs, any of whom are participating in or  
12 financing or directly interested in the strike (~~or lockout~~):  
13 PROVIDED, That if in any case separate branches of work which are  
14 commonly conducted as separate businesses in separate premises are  
15 conducted in separate departments of the same premises, each such  
16 department shall, for the purpose of this subdivision, be deemed to be  
17 a separate factory, establishment, or other premises.

18 (3) Any disqualification imposed under this section shall end when  
19 the strike (~~or lockout~~) is terminated.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
23 effect immediately.