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Introduction and Procedural History of this Appeal

The claimant appeals a decision by a review examiner of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to deny the claimant benefits following her separation from employment on June 30, 2019. We review, pursuant to our authority under G.L. c. 151A, § 41, and affirm.

On March 31, 2021, the agency initially determined that the claimant was not entitled to unemployment benefits. The claimant appealed and both parties attended the hearing. In a decision rendered on December 23, 2021, the review examiner affirmed the agency determination, concluding that the claimant voluntarily left employment without good cause attributable to the employer or urgent, compelling, and necessitous reasons and, thus, was disqualified under G.L. c. 151A, § 25(e)(1). The Board accepted the claimant's application for review.

Ruling of the Board

After considering the recorded testimony and evidence from the hearing, the review examiner's decision, and the claimant's appeal, we conclude that the review examiner's decision is based on substantial evidence and is free from any error of law affecting substantive rights.

The review examiner's decision is affirmed. The claimant is denied benefits for the week ending July 6, 2019, and for subsequent weeks, until such time as she has had at least eight weeks of work and has earned an amount equivalent to or in excess of eight times her weekly benefit amount.

We note that, if the claimant wishes to resume her PUA claim based on her self-employment, she should contact PUA Customer Service to notify that department of her disqualification in this case. At that time, a determination will be made on the claimant's eligibility for PUA.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS DATE OF DECISION - February 8, 2022

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Member Michael J. Albano did not participate in this decision.

ANY FURTHER APPEAL WOULD BE TO A MASSACHUSETTS STATE DISTRICT COURT (See Section 42, Chapter 151A, General Laws, Enclosed)

The last day to appeal this decision to a Massachusetts District Court is thirty days from the mail date on the first page of this decision. If that thirtieth day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the last day to appeal this decision is the business day next following the thirtieth day.

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