



## **Maryland COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Protection Act of 2020**

On March 19, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed legislation (S.B. 1080) clarifying that a worker does not need to be terminated to be eligible for unemployment benefits if:

- Their employer temporarily ceases operations due to COVID-19, preventing employees from coming to work;
- They are quarantined due to COVID-19 with the expectation of returning to work after the quarantine is over; or
- They leave employment due to a risk of exposure or infection of COVID-19 or to care for a family member due to COVID-19.

The law is effective March 19, 2020 and expires April 30, 2021.