

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1840

By: Representatives Andrews, Beaty Jr., M. Brown, McCollum, Pilkington, Ray
By: Senator M. McKee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM
BENEFITS; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT
FRAUD FROM COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM
BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REGULATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
PROGRAM BENEFITS; AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN
INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT FRAUD FROM
COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM
BENEFITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Purpose.

The purpose of this act is to prohibit an individual who commits fraud to collect or increase the amount of unemployment insurance program benefits paid to him or her from being eligible for unemployment insurance program benefits for a period of ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 11-10-519(a)(3)(B), concerning the actions that result in disqualification of unemployment benefits under the unemployment insurance program, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) A person who is disqualified for benefits under this section shall be liable for repayment of any benefits determined to have been collected fraudulently, as well as any other penalties, interest, and



costs assessed as a result of the fraudulent activity.

(ii) Beginning on and after October 1, 2023, if it is determined that there is a fraudulent overpayment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more under § 11-10-532, then a person shall be disqualified for benefits for ten (10) years beginning on the effective date of the determination finding that the person knowingly made a false representation of a material fact or failed to disclose a material fact in filing an initial claim, a claim renewal, or a continued weekly claim.

(iii) Until the liabilities have been repaid, the person shall forfeit any right to receive benefits under this chapter.