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## DIGEST

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HB 622 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the unemployment compensation integrity program.

Present law provides that to ensure the integrity of the unemployment insurance program and to verify eligibility and to prevent fraudulent filing and payment of claims, the department (the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC)) is required to do all of the following:

- (1) Use commercially available database solutions to check new hire records against the state's unemployment insurance rolls on a weekly basis.
- (2) Check new hire records against the National Directory of New Hires.
- (3) Check the Integrity Data Hub or another commercially available database.
- (4) Check the unemployment insurance rolls against the La. Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections' list of incarcerated individuals.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the department, on a weekly basis, shall check the unemployment insurance rolls against the La. Dept. of Health State Registrar and Vital Records' list of death records.

Proposed law provides that to ensure the integrity of the unemployment insurance program and to prevent the continuous payment of suspicious or potentially improper claims, the LWC shall perform a review and verify the eligibility of the following claims:

- (1) Multiple or duplicative claims that are filed online originating from the same I.P. address.
- (2) Claims that are filed online from a foreign I.P. address.
- (3) Multiple or duplicative claims that are filed and associated with the same mailing address.
- (4) Multiple or duplicative claims that are filed and associated with the same bank account.

Proposed law provides that the department shall adopt and implement an internal administrative policy to recover improper overpayments to the fullest extent possible by state and federal law.

Proposed law further provides that the department shall, without exception, recover improper

overpayments, unless doing so would violate existing state or federal law.

(Amends R.S. 23:1605(D)-(G); Adds R.S. 23:1605(C)(5), (H), and(I))