

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 622

BY REPRESENTATIVE BEAULLIEU

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 23:1605(D) through (G) and to enact R.S. 23:1605(C)(5), (H),
3 and (I), relative to unemployment compensation; to require the Louisiana Workforce
4 Commission to conduct certain checks with respect to unemployment compensation;
5 to require the recovery of overpayments; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 23:1605(D) through (G) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 23:1605(C)(5), (H), and (I) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1605. Unemployment insurance integrity program

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11 C. To ensure the integrity of the unemployment insurance program and to
12 verify eligibility and to prevent fraudulent filing and payment of claims, the
13 department is required to do all of the following:

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15 (5) The department, on a weekly basis, shall check the unemployment
16 insurance rolls against the Louisiana Department of Health state registrar and vital
17 records' list of death records.

18 D. To ensure the integrity of the unemployment insurance program and to
19 prevent the continuous payment of suspicious or potentially improper claims, the
20 department shall perform a review and verify the eligibility of the following claims:

1 (1) Multiple or duplicative claims that are filed online originating from the
 2 same internet protocol address.

3 (2) Claims that are filed online from a foreign internet protocol address.

4 (3) Multiple or duplicative claims that are filed and associated with the same
 5 mailing address.

6 (4) Multiple or duplicative claims that are filed and associated with the same
 7 bank account.

8 ~~D.~~ E. When the department receives information concerning an individual
 9 who is participating in the unemployment compensation insurance program that
 10 indicates a change in circumstances that may affect his eligibility, the department
 11 shall review the individual's case and make a final determination of his eligibility in
 12 accordance with the provisions of R.S. 23:1600 and 1601.

13 ~~E.~~ F. Pursuant to the performance of all cross-match activities required by
 14 this Section, the Louisiana Workforce Commission shall provide to the legislature
 15 a report on or before June thirtieth annually. The report shall include all of the
 16 following:

17 (1) The department's rate of consistency in performing the weekly checks
 18 against the Integrity Data Hub or another commercially available database and the
 19 National Directory of New Hires.

20 (2) The type and amount of improper payments detected retroactively.

21 (3) The type and amount of improper payments prevented.

22 (4) The dollar amount the state has saved in preventing improper payments
 23 and, if any, in recouping improper payments.

24 G.(1) The department shall adopt and implement an internal administrative
 25 policy to recover improper overpayments to the fullest extent possible by state and
 26 federal law.

27 (2) The department shall, without exception, recover improper
 28 overpayments, unless doing so would violate existing state or federal law.

1 F. H. The department shall have the authority to execute a memorandum of
2 understanding with any state department, agency, or division for data that is
3 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Section.

4 ~~G. I.~~ I. The Louisiana Workforce Commission shall promulgate all rules and
5 regulations necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Section.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____