

**ACT No. 571**

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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