



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5266

LCO No. 1115



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT AMENDING THE TIME TO PROTEST BENEFIT CHARGES ON AN EMPLOYER'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 31-225a of the 2024 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

4 (h) (1) With respect to each benefit year commencing on or after July
5 1, 1978, notice of determination of the claimant's benefit entitlement for
6 such benefit year shall include notice of the allocation of benefit charges
7 of the claimant's base period employers and each such employer shall
8 be provided a copy of such notice of determination and shall be an
9 interested party thereto. Such determination shall be final unless the
10 claimant or any of such employers files an appeal from such decision in
11 accordance with the provisions of section 31-241.

12 (2) The administrator shall, not less frequently than once each
13 calendar quarter, provide a statement of charges to each employer to
14 whose experience record any charges have been made since the last

15 previous such statement. Such statement shall show, with respect to
16 each week for which benefits have been paid and charged, the name and
17 Social Security account number of the claimant who was paid the
18 benefit, the amount of the benefits charged for such week and the total
19 amount charged in the quarter.

20 (3) The statement of charges provided for in subdivision (2) of this
21 subsection shall constitute notice to the employer that it has been
22 determined that the benefits reported in such statement were properly
23 payable under this chapter to the claimants for the weeks and in the
24 amounts shown in such statements. If the employer contends that
25 benefits have been improperly charged due to fraud or error, a written
26 protest setting forth reasons therefor shall be filed with the
27 administrator within [~~sixty~~] forty days of the date the quarterly
28 statement was provided. An eligibility issue shall not be reopened on
29 the basis of such quarterly statement if notification of such eligibility
30 issue had previously been given to the employer under the provisions
31 of section 31-241, and he or she failed to file a timely appeal therefrom
32 or had the issue finally resolved against him or her.

33 (4) The provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection shall
34 not apply to combined wage claims paid under subsection (b) of section
35 31-255. For such combined wage claims paid under the unemployment
36 law of other states, the administrator shall, each calendar quarter,
37 provide a statement of charges to each employer whose experience
38 record has been charged since the previous such statement. Such
39 statement shall show the name and Social Security number of the
40 claimant who was paid the benefits and the total amount of the benefits
41 charged in the quarter.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2024</i> | 31-225a(h) |

Statement of Purpose:

To amend section 31-225a of the general statutes to shorten the time an employer can protest any unemployment benefits they contend have been improperly charged to their employer unemployment insurance quarterly statements due to fraud or error from sixty days to forty days.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]