



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 417***

LCO No. 3138



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AMNESTY FOR NONFRAUDULENT  
UNEMPLOYMENT OVERPAYMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) There is established an  
2 account to be known as the "pandemic unemployment nonfraudulent  
3 overpayment account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account  
4 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys  
5 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account  
6 shall be expended by the Labor Department for the purposes of (1)  
7 reimbursement to individuals who have either been denied a waiver for  
8 their unemployment benefit overpayment or who have made payment  
9 toward their unemployment benefit overpayment, and (2) spreading  
10 awareness of such account.

11 (b) Any individual who received notice of overpayment of  
12 unemployment benefits from March 10, 2020, to May 1, 2022, inclusive,  
13 shall be eligible for a determination of eligibility pursuant to subsection  
14 (a) of section 31-273 of the general statutes. Such individuals may apply  
15 for said determination not later than six months after the effective date

16 of this section.

17 (c) The Labor Department shall notify, by mail, each individual  
 18 meeting the criteria described in subsection (b) of this section who (1)  
 19 did not previously seek a determination of eligibility, or (2) did not  
 20 appeal such determination pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
 21 of section 31-273 of the general statutes.

22 (d) Any individual who is denied a waiver under subsection (a) of  
 23 section 31-273 of the general statutes, and whose overpayment is not a  
 24 result of fraud, wilful misrepresentation or wilful nondisclosure by the  
 25 individual, may apply for reimbursement of the overpayment amount  
 26 due from the pandemic unemployment nonfraudulent overpayment  
 27 account. Any individual who received a paycheck protection program  
 28 loan are ineligible to apply for reimbursement from such account.

29 (e) Any payment provided to an individual under this section shall  
 30 not be considered income for the purposes of the state's personal income  
 31 tax law, corporation tax or any other tax laws.

32 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of fifty million dollars is  
 33 appropriated to the Labor Department from the General Fund, for the  
 34 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for purposes of funding the pandemic  
 35 unemployment nonfraudulent overpayment account, established  
 36 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide assistance to individuals who received non fraudulent unemployment overpayments through no fault of their own.

*[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.]*