
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5270

AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR FELONY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FRAUD.

SUMMARY

This bill increases, from \$500 to \$2,000, the financial threshold that determines whether someone's unemployment compensation fraud is a misdemeanor or a felony.

By law, unemployment compensation fraud is knowingly making a false statement or representation or failing to disclose a material fact to obtain, increase, prevent, or decrease an unemployment benefit, contribution, or other payment. Under current law, a fraudulent payment, benefit, or contribution is a (1) class A misdemeanor if it amounts to \$500 or less or (2) class D felony if it amounts to more than \$500. The bill increases these thresholds to \$2,000 or less for a class A misdemeanor and more than \$2,000 for a class D felony.

A class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to 364 days in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both. A class D felony is punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 8 Nay 4 (03/07/2024)