



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

Raised Bill No. 347

LCO No. 1276



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 31-273 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2026*):

4 (f) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or
5 representation or fails to disclose a material fact in order to obtain,
6 increase, prevent or decrease any benefit, contribution or other payment
7 under this chapter, or under any similar law of another state or of the
8 United States in regard to which this state acted as agent pursuant to an
9 agreement authorized by section 31-225, whether to be made to or by
10 [himself or herself] such person or any other person, and who receives
11 any such benefit, pays any such contribution or alters any such payment
12 to [his or her] such person's advantage by such fraudulent means (1)
13 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor if such benefit, contribution or
14 payment amounts to [five hundred] two thousand dollars or less, or (2)

15 shall be guilty of a class D felony if such benefit, contribution or
16 payment amounts to more than [five hundred] two thousand dollars.
17 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 54-193, no person shall be
18 prosecuted for a violation of the provisions of this subsection committed
19 on or after October 1, 1977, except within five years next after such
20 violation has been committed.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 31-273(f) |

LAB *Joint Favorable*

JUD *Joint Favorable*