



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 668

**Assembly
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 668 makes numerous changes to the state's unemployment insurance laws. The changes were recommended by the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council.

Assembly Amendment 1, generally, makes technical amendments to the bill as explained herein.

Under current law, if an unemployment claimant is paid benefits for which the claimant would otherwise be ineligible for because the claimant terminates his or her work or fails to accept suitable work as a result of being enrolled in an approved training program, the costs of benefits paid to that claimant that would otherwise be chargeable to the claimant's employer are charged to the balancing account of the unemployment reserve fund. The *bill* provides that if a claimant is paid benefits for which the claimant would otherwise be ineligible for as a result of certain other benefit disqualification exemptions created by the bill because the claimant is enrolled in certain types of approved training, the costs of those benefits are also charged to the balancing account. *Assembly Amendment 1* makes these changes retroactive to December 30, 2001.

The *bill*, as introduced, makes various modifications to current law in order for the state's Social Security offset to comply with federal law. *Assembly Amendment 1* makes technical changes to those modifications to effectuate the intent of the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council.

Assembly Amendment 1 also makes changes to several of the initial applicability dates in the bill in order to accommodate the later-than-expected passage of the legislation.

Legislative History

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Nass on January 30, 2004. The Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 2, on February 5, 2004, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a unanimous vote on the same date.

The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on February 5, 2004 and passed the bill, as amended, on the same date by voice votes.

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