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2013 SENATE BILL 273

August 29, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, MILLER, L. TAYLOR and LEHMAN, cosponsored by Representatives RINGHAND, WACHS, OHNSTAD, GOYKE and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Forestry, Mining, and Revenue.

1 **AN ACT to create** 103.005 (14) (am) and 108.09 (2) (br) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** requirements for the department of workforce development when issuing
3 determinations under the unemployment insurance law or any other law
4 regulating employment that is administered by that department.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), when issuing a determination about eligibility for benefits under the unemployment insurance (UI) law or a determination relating to any other law regulating employment that is administered by DWD that is adverse to the interests of an employee, and when issuing a computation of UI benefits, to provide to the employee information about resources that may be available to assist the employee regarding the adverse determination or computation. The bill also requires DWD to maintain a telephone number so that such an employee who is adversely affected by a determination or computation may call DWD to ask questions about the determination or computation.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 103.005 (14) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

2 103.005 (14) (am) 1. When issuing a determination relating to a law specified
3 in par. (a) that is adverse to the interests of an employee, the department shall
4 provide to the employee information about resources that may be available to assist
5 the employee regarding the determination.

6 2. The department shall maintain a telephone number so that an employee
7 whose interests are adversely affected by a determination of the department relating
8 to a law specified in par. (a) may call the department to ask questions about the
9 determination.

10 **SECTION 2.** 108.09 (2) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

11 108.09 (2) (br) 1. When issuing a computation under this subsection or when
12 issuing a determination under this subsection that is adverse to the interests of an
13 employee, the department shall provide to the employee information about resources
14 that may be available to assist the employee regarding the computation or
15 determination.

16 2. The department shall maintain a telephone number so that an employee
17 whose interests are adversely affected by a computation or determination issued
18 under this subsection may call the department to ask questions about the
19 computation or determination.

20 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES. The treatment of
22 section 108.09 (2) (br) 1. of the statutes first applies to computations and
23 determinations issued under section 108.09 (2) of the statutes on the first day of the
24 2nd month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

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1 (2) LAWS REGULATING EMPLOYMENT; INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYEES. The treatment
2 of section 103.005 (14) (am) of the statutes first applies to a determination relating
3 to a law specified in section 103.005 (14) (a) of the statutes issued on the first day of
4 the 2nd month beginning after the effective date of this subsection.

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