



## 2015 SENATE BILL 140

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1     **AN ACT to create** 108.04 (11) (br) and 108.04 (11) (cr) of the statutes; **relating**  
2           **to:** acts of concealment and misrepresentations in filing for or claiming  
3           unemployment insurance benefits.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, if a claimant for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits conceals any material fact relating to his or her eligibility for benefits or conceals any of his or her wages or hours worked (act of concealment), the claimant is ineligible for benefits in an amount ranging from two to eight times the claimant's weekly benefit rate, depending on the number of acts of concealment committed, for each single act of concealment, and is liable for an additional penalty. This bill provides that, in addition to being ineligible for benefits and liable for penalties, a claimant who commits an act of concealment is ineligible for UI benefits for a period of seven years if he or she commits another act of concealment with respect to a subsequent benefit year.

In addition, under current law, if any person makes a false statement or representation in order to obtain UI benefits in the name of another person (act of impersonation), the person may be required to repay the amount of benefits obtained and also pay an administrative assessment. This bill provides that, in addition to being required to repay those UI benefits and pay an administrative assessment, an individual who commits an act of impersonation is ineligible for UI benefits for a period of seven years if the individual commits another, distinct act of impersonation.

