



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2015 Assembly Bill 212**

**Assembly Amendment 4 and  
Assembly Amendment 1 to  
Assembly Amendment 4**

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2015 Assembly Bill 212 relates to acts of concealment and misrepresentations in filing for or claiming unemployment insurance benefits.

### **2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 212**

Assembly Bill 212 creates a period of disqualification for unemployment insurance benefits if a person commits acts of concealment or impersonation in applying for benefits, among other consequences under current law.

Specifically, the bill provides that if a person commits an act of concealment in a new benefit year, after having already committed an act of concealment in a prior benefit year, the person is ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits for seven years.

Likewise, the bill provides that if a person commits a second act of impersonation, after having already committed an act of impersonation, the person is ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits for seven years.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4**

Assembly Amendment 4 specifies that the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) is not permitted to apply the disqualification periods if those provisions would negatively affect federal funding or the federal tax credit for employers.

Assembly Amendment 4 also specifies that the effective date of the bill is delayed until the first Sunday of the seventh month after enactment of the bill.

## **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1 TO ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 4**

Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 4 allows earlier implementation by DWD than the six-month delay given in Assembly Amendment 4 if the department is ready to implement the provisions and publishes a notice of that earlier implementation in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Representative Kerkman offered Assembly Amendment 4, and Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 4, on September 14, 2015.

On September 15, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 4 on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5. The committee then recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 4, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. That same day the committee recommended passage of Assembly Bill 212, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 5.

On November 3, 2015, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Amendment 4, and adopted Assembly Amendment 4, as amended, on voice votes. The Assembly then passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 63; Noes, 34; and Not Voting, 2.

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