



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0383/P1
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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0060 - UI waiting period

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment insurance; waiting period

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment, except for periods during which the waiting period is suspended. The waiting period does not affect the maximum number of weeks of a claimant's benefit eligibility.

This bill deletes the one-week waiting period, thus permitting a claimant to receive UI benefits beginning with his or her first week of eligibility.

For further information see the state and local 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:

SECTION 1. 108.02 (26m) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 108.04 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 108.04 (11) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

108.04 (11) (bm) The department shall apply any ineligibility under par. (be) against benefits and weeks of eligibility for which the claimant would otherwise be eligible after the week of concealment and within 6 years after the date of an initial determination issued under s. 108.09 finding that a concealment occurred. ~~The claimant shall not receive waiting period credit under s. 108.04 (3) for the period of ineligibility applied under par. (be).~~ If no benefit rate applies to the week for which the claim is made, the department shall use the claimant's benefit rate for the claimant's next benefit year beginning after the week of concealment to determine the amount of the benefit reduction.

SECTION 9350. Initial applicability; Workforce Development.

(1) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; DELETION OF WAITING PERIOD. The treatment of ss. 108.02 (26m) and 108.04 (3) and (11) (bm) first applies to benefit years beginning on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 9450. Effective dates; Workforce Development.

(1) UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; DELETION OF WAITING PERIOD. The treatment of ss. 108.02 (26m) and 108.04 (3) and (11) (bm) and SECTION 9350 (1) of this act take effect on the Sunday after publication.

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