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2017 SENATE BILL 772

February 7, 2018 - Introduced by Senators Vinehout, Bewley, Erpenbach, Ringhand, L. Taylor, Risser, Hansen and Carpenter, cosponsored by Representatives Sinicki, Hebl, Vruwink, Pope, Berceau, Wachs, Mursau, Crowley, Fields, Spreitzer, Subeck, Shankland, C. Taylor, Pronschinske and Sargent. Referred to Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations.

AN ACT *to amend* 108.08 (1) and 108.09 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** methods of filing for claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Workforce Development to allow claims for unemployment insurance benefits to be filed by telephone.

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:

SECTION 1. 108.08 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

108.08 (1) To receive benefits for any given week of unemployment, a claimant shall give notice to the department with respect to such week of unemployment within such time and in such manner as the department may by rule prescribe, except that the department shall permit such notice to be given to the department via telephone.

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SECTION 2.	108.09 (1)	of the	statutes	is	amended	to	read:
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108.09 (1) FILING. Claims for benefits shall be filed pursuant to department rules, except that the department shall permit claims for benefits to be filed via telephone. Each employer that is notified of a benefit claim shall promptly inform the department in writing as to any eligibility question in objection to such claim together with the reasons for the objection. The department may also obtain information from the employee concerning the employee's eligibility, employment or wages.

9 (END)