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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 21

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, after "contributions;" insert "<u>requiring the Secretary, if the Secretary seeks to recover certain unemployment benefits by assessment, to allow a claimant to elect within a certain period of time to have the amount collected by suit instead of by assessment; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations;".</u>

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 22, after "(d)" insert "(1)"; and in lines 23, 24, 26, and 28, strike "(1)", "(2)", "(3)", and "(4)", respectively, and substitute "(I)", "(III)", "(III)", and "(IV)", respectively.

On page 5, in lines 1 and 2, strike "(i)" and "(ii)", respectively, and substitute "<u>1.</u>" and "2.", respectively; and after line 2, insert:

"(2) (I) IF THE SECRETARY SEEKS TO RECOVER AN AMOUNT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY ASSESSMENT, THE SECRETARY SHALL ALLOW A CLAIMANT TO ELECT, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT, TO HAVE THE AMOUNT COLLECTED BY SUIT INSTEAD OF BY ASSESSMENT.

(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDANCE ABOUT:

1. THE PROCESSES UNDER WHICH THE SECRETARY MAY RECOVER BENEFITS; AND

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2. THE APPLICATION OF § 8-629 OF THIS TITLE TO THE RECOVERY OF BENEFITS BY ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.".