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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 817
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, strike “and” and substitute a comma; and in line 9, after “purposes” insert “, and to examine and consider a certain report or recommendation”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “self-employed individuals;” and substitute “individuals who:

1. are employed on a seasonal or temporary basis;
2. have received benefits during the pandemic but are not eligible for regular unemployment benefits; or
3. leave their job for family reasons or due to job schedule volatility;”.

On page 2, in line 5, after “including” insert “:

- 1.”;

after line 6, insert:

“2. potential methods for minimizing the impact on an employer’s experience rating when the employer establishes a work sharing agreement with the Maryland Department of Labor under Title 8, Subtitle 12 of the Labor and Employment Article;”;

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in line 7, after “(iv)” insert “the establishment of clear standards for when an employee is entitled to claim unemployment insurance benefits if the employee:

1. leaves a job due to unsafe working conditions;
 2. leaves a job in order to guard against an unreasonable risk of infection;
 3. is terminated for refusing to work under unsafe work conditions; or
 4. declines to accept work due to unsafe work conditions;
- (v) the existing penalties for fraud and the need for enhancing or altering those penalties;
- (vi)”;

in line 9, after “paragraph” insert “; and

(vii) any other issue that the Maryland Department of Labor determines is necessary to include in its evaluation of the State’s unemployment insurance system”;

in line 14, strike “and”; and in line 17, after “recommendations” insert “; and

(3) examine and consider any report or recommendation made by the National Academy of Social Insurance Unemployment Insurance Task Force of 2021”.