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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 818
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “submit a report” and substitute “post on its website certain reports”; strike beginning with “to” in line 5 down through “month;” in line 6 and substitute “at certain regular intervals; requiring the Department to retain certain weekly reports on its website for at least a certain number of weeks; establishing when a disaster exists for the purposes of certain provisions of this Act;”; in line 8, strike “to initiate a certain plan and”; in line 9, after “requirements;” insert “requiring that the disaster reporting requirements remain in effect until the Department is able to process at least a certain percentage of certain payments within a certain time period in accordance with certain guidelines for a certain period of time;”; in line 10, strike “a” and substitute “the”; in the same line, after “disaster” insert “reporting requirements are”; in line 11, strike “exists” and substitute “in effect”; in line 16, strike “defining a certain term;”; in line 25, strike “8–101(m–2),”; and in the same line, strike the second comma.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 14, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 19, after “(A)” insert “**FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A DISASTER EXISTS IF THE DEPARTMENT, FOR 4 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, FAILS TO PAY AT LEAST 82% OF FIRST PAYMENTS WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE WEEK ENDING DATE OF THE FIRST COMPENSABLE WEEK IN THE BENEFIT YEAR.**”

(B)”;

strike beginning with the colon in line 23 down through “(II)” in line 25; in line 26, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”; in line 27, after “(3)” insert “**(I)THE DISASTER**”

(Over)

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT, FOR 4 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS, IS PAYING AT LEAST 87% OF FIRST PAYMENTS WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE WEEK ENDING DATE OF THE FIRST COMPENSABLE WEEK IN THE BENEFIT YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

(II)”;

in the same line, strike “A” and substitute “THE”; in the same line, after “DISASTER” insert “REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ARE”; strike beginning with “EXISTS” in line 27 down through “TITLE” in line 28 and substitute “IN EFFECT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH”; and in line 31, strike “(B)” and substitute “(C)”.

On page 4, in lines 1, 18, and 24, strike “(B)”, “(C)”, and “(D)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)”, “(D)”, and “(E)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, strike beginning with “SECRETARY” in line 2 down through “ARTICLE,” in line 5 and substitute “DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE”; and after line 17, insert:

“(C) (1) ONCE PER WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST ON ITS WEBSITE A WEEKLY REPORT THAT INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF:

(I) OPEN CLAIMS;

(II) CLAIMS PENDING ADJUDICATION;

(III) CLAIMS FOR WHICH THE FIRST PAYMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE WITHIN 21 DAYS AFTER THE WEEK ENDING DATE OF THE FIRST COMPENSABLE WEEK IN THE BENEFIT YEAR;

(IV) CLAIMS CLOSED;

(V) CLAIMS RESOLVED BY ADJUDICATION; AND

(VI) CLAIMS FOR WHICH THE CLAIMANT ENCOUNTERED TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE ONLINE PORTAL.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RETAIN ON ITS WEBSITE THE WEEKLY REPORTS FOR AT LEAST THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 8 WEEKS.”.

On page 4, in line 15, strike “NAVIGATING THE DISASTER” and substitute “MEETING STAFFING NEEDS”; in line 21, strike “100”; in line 22, strike “OR” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after the second “EMPLOYEES” insert “, OR INDIVIDUALS UNDER CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY VENDOR AS NEEDED TO MEET STAFFING NEEDS AND”.