SENATE BILL 34

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Economic Matters —

Introduced by Senator Middleton (Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight) and Senators Kelley and Exum

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Sealed with the Great Seal and p	presented to the Governor, for his approv	al this
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\mathbf{C}	CHAPTER	
AN ACT concerning		
_	ployment Insurance Oversight – Repeal (nation Date <u>and Study</u>	∍€
Unemployment Insurance <u>Unemployment Insurance Oprovisions of law and to sub</u>	the termination date of the Joint Committee Oversight; requiring the Joint Committee Oversight to complete a certain study of a submit a certain report to the Governor and Control of the Covernor and Covertain date; and generally relating to the state Insurance Oversight.	<u>tee on</u> certain General
BY repealing and reenacting, without Article – State Government Section 2–10A–11 Annotated Code of Maryland		

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1	(2009 Replacement Volume)
2 3 4	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Chapter 50 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 Section 2
5 6 7	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Chapter 51 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2007 Section 2
8 9	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
10	Article - State Government
11	2–10A–11.
12	(a) There is a Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight.
13	(b) The Committee consists of the following 15 members:
14 15	(1) three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;
16 17	(2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates;
18 19	(3) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;
20 21	(4) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;
22 23	(5) a representative of the Maryland Retailers Association, designated by the Maryland Retailers Association;
24 25	(6) a representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, designated by the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;
26 27	(7) a representative of the National Federation of Independent Business, designated by the National Federation of Independent Business;
28 29	(8) a representative of the Job Opportunities Task Force, designated by the Job Opportunities Task Force;
30 31	(9) two representatives of union labor, designated by the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL–CIO; and

1 2 3	(10) a representative of the academic profession who is knowledgeable in unemployment insurance law, designated jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.
4 5	(c) The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer who appointed them.

(d) The President and the Speaker shall appoint a Senator and a Delegate, respectively, each to serve as cochair.

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- 8 (e) (1) The Committee shall examine the condition of the unemployment 9 insurance system in the State as a result of the implementation of Chapter 169 of the 10 Acts of the General Assembly of 2005.
- 12 the unemployment insurance system, including the charging and taxation provisions 13 and the eligibility and benefit provisions, in consideration of the fairness of the system 14 and in order to maintain the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund at a level sufficient 15 to ensure that benefits will be paid from the Fund.
- 16 (f) (1) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staffing for the Committee.
- 18 (2) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report 19 to the Committee on the condition of unemployment insurance in the State.
 - (g) A member of the Committee may not receive compensation for serving on the Committee, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 23 (h) The Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of this title, the General Assembly on December 31 of each year.

Chapter 50 of the Acts of 2007

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 7 months and, at the end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

Chapter 51 of the Acts of 2007

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 33 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 7 months and, at the

$\frac{1}{2}$	end of December 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]
3	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
4 5 6	(a) The Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight shall study Title 8 of the Labor and Employment Article and related federal law as it relates to employing units engaged in seasonal industries;
7	(b) The study conducted under subsection (a) of this section shall include:
8 9	(1) a review of employing unit obligations and payments required under Title 8 of the Labor and Employment Article and related federal law;
10 11 12	(2) the impact of the obligations and required payments on employing units located in a county in which the average unemployment rate exceeds the average unemployment rate of the State; and
13 14	(3) how the obligations and payments may be reduced for employing units engaged in seasonal industries.
15 16 17 18	(c) On or before December 1, 2010, the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on its findings and recommendations.
19 20	SECTION $\stackrel{\textstyle 2.}{=}$ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2010.
	Approved:
	Governor.
	President of the Senate.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates