

General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5266

LCO No. **1115**

Referred to Committee on EMPLOYEES

LABOR AND PUBLIC

Introduced by: (LAB)

AN ACT AMENDING THE TIME TO PROTEST BENEFIT CHARGES ON AN EMPLOYER'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE QUARTERLY STATEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 31-225a of the 2024 supplement to 2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

4 (h) (1) With respect to each benefit year commencing on or after July 5 1, 1978, notice of determination of the claimant's benefit entitlement for 6 such benefit year shall include notice of the allocation of benefit charges 7 of the claimant's base period employers and each such employer shall 8 be provided a copy of such notice of determination and shall be an 9 interested party thereto. Such determination shall be final unless the 10 claimant or any of such employers files an appeal from such decision in 11 accordance with the provisions of section 31-241.

12 (2) The administrator shall, not less frequently than once each 13 calendar quarter, provide a statement of charges to each employer to 14 whose experience record any charges have been made since the last 15 previous such statement. Such statement shall show, with respect to 16 each week for which benefits have been paid and charged, the name and 17 Social Security account number of the claimant who was paid the 18 benefit, the amount of the benefits charged for such week and the total 19 amount charged in the quarter.

20 (3) The statement of charges provided for in subdivision (2) of this 21 subsection shall constitute notice to the employer that it has been 22 determined that the benefits reported in such statement were properly 23 payable under this chapter to the claimants for the weeks and in the 24 amounts shown in such statements. If the employer contends that 25 benefits have been improperly charged due to fraud or error, a written 26 protest setting forth reasons therefor shall be filed with the 27 administrator within [sixty] forty days of the date the quarterly 28 statement was provided. An eligibility issue shall not be reopened on 29 the basis of such quarterly statement if notification of such eligibility 30 issue had previously been given to the employer under the provisions 31 of section 31-241, and he or she failed to file a timely appeal therefrom 32 or had the issue finally resolved against him or her.

33 (4) The provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection shall 34 not apply to combined wage claims paid under subsection (b) of section 35 31-255. For such combined wage claims paid under the unemployment 36 law of other states, the administrator shall, each calendar quarter, 37 provide a statement of charges to each employer whose experience 38 record has been charged since the previous such statement. Such 39 statement shall show the name and Social Security number of the 40 claimant who was paid the benefits and the total amount of the benefits 41 charged in the quarter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	31-225a(h)

LAB Joint Favorable