

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0071

Unemployment insurance-electronic communications.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to unemployment compensation; allowing  
2 electronic communications as specified; and providing for  
3 an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-517 is created to read:

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9 **27-3-517. Electronic delivery of information.**

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11 Whenever this article requires any determination, decision  
12 or notice to be transmitted through the mail, the  
13 determination, decision or notice may be transmitted by an  
14 internet application approved by the department but only  
15 upon an election by the claimant or employer to receive the

1 information by electronic transmission. Upon the completion  
2 of every electronic transmission authorized by this  
3 section, the department shall provide to the claimant or  
4 employer an electronic acknowledgement specifying the date  
5 and time when the transmission was sent or received. Except  
6 as otherwise required by rules applicable to appeals to the  
7 courts of this state, determinations, decisions or notices  
8 transmitted by an approved electronic means may be appealed  
9 or protested by use of the same means. For the purpose of  
10 all relevant time limits established by this article,  
11 electronically transmitted information shall be deemed  
12 delivered on the date indicated on the acknowledgment  
13 required by this section, or if no acknowledgement exists,  
14 on the date the electronic delivery is initiated by the  
15 party sending the information.

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17 **Section 2.** W.S. 27-3-401 by creating a new subsection  
18 (c) is amended to read:

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20 **27-3-401. Filing notice and electronic**  
21 **communications.**

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1       (c) A claimant or employer may elect to have  
2 determinations and decisions transmitted electronically  
3 through an internet application approved by the department,  
4 in lieu of transmission through the regular mail. Once the  
5 election is made by the claimant or employer, any  
6 determination or decision required to be mailed to that  
7 claimant or employer by this article may be transmitted  
8 instead through an internet application approved by the  
9 department. Upon the completion of every electronic  
10 transmission authorized by this subsection, the department  
11 shall provide to the claimant or employer an electronic  
12 acknowledgement specifying the date and time when the  
13 transmission was sent or received. Except as otherwise  
14 required by rules applicable to appeals to the courts of  
15 this state, determinations, decisions or notices  
16 transmitted by an approved electronic means may be appealed  
17 or protested by use of the same means. For the purpose of  
18 all relevant time limits established by this article,  
19 electronically transmitted information shall be deemed  
20 delivered on the date indicated on the acknowledgment  
21 required by this subsection, or if no acknowledgement  
22 exists, on the date the electronic delivery is initiated by  
23 the party sending the information.

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2           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
5 Constitution.

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