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AN ACT relating to emergency aid and emergency procedures in response to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus pandemic; amending unemployment benefits; authorizing agreements with the federal government and the expenditure of federal funds; creating programs to avoid the eviction of needy persons; amending the unemployment compensation program; amending the worker's compensation program; providing additional authority to the governor; providing for a worker's compensation premium credit; amending the unemployment compensation program; amending the worker's compensation program; providing additional authority to the governor; providing for a worker's compensation premium credit; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

5/7/2020 Bill Number Assigned  
5/15/2020 H Received for Introduction  
5/15/2020 H Introduced and Referred to HCOW  
5/15/2020 H COW:Passed

HB1002H2001/ADOPTED
Page 3-lines 10 through 15 Delete and insert "if any employee in an employment sector for which coverage is provided by this act is infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus, it shall be presumed that the risk of contracting the illness or disease was increased by the nature of the employment;".

Page 4-line 20 Delete "arose" and insert "was filed".

Page 4-line 21 Delete "December 31, 2020" and insert "December 30, 2020".

Page 4-line 22 After "section." insert "The division shall estimate the cost to the fund of an injury subject to this subsection and shall deposit into the fund or dedicate within the fund the amount of the estimated cost but only to the extent federal monies are available for that purpose from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136, or from any other available federal monies related to the COVID-19 emergency response.". BARLOW

HB1002H2002/ADOPTED
Page 9-after line 2 Insert:

"(b) In addition or in the alternative to operating the program authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the governor is authorized through the Wyoming community development authority to establish and operate a temporary program to provide rent, security deposit, mortgage payment and hazard insurance assistance for residents of this state who are under the direct threat being dispossessed of their homes. Any program created under this subsection shall adhere to the principles and concepts of the Emergency Housing Assistance Program administered by the Montana Department of Commerce, established in response to COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. The program authorized under this subsection shall:
(i) Limit program awards to residents in need who have suffered a loss in employment or a substantial loss in income as a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic and who own and occupy mortgaged residential property or are the tenants of rented or leased residential property;

(ii) Limit program awards to residents who have not received any other form of housing assistance as a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic;

(iii) Establish criteria for program eligibility to include required income thresholds and mandatory copayment obligations. Under this paragraph, an applicant's income shall include any unemployment insurance benefits received under the Wyoming Employment Security Law, W.S. 27-3-101 through 27-3-706, and under Title II, Subdivision A of the of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136. For the purpose of this paragraph, an applicant's income shall not include economic impact payments received under section 2201 of the CARES Act;

(iv) Provide program awards until the governor orders that payments under the program shall stop or until December 31, 2020, whichever occurs first.

Page 9-line 4 Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 9-line 6 Delete "program authorized by this section" and insert "programs authorized under subsections (a) and (b) of this section".

Page 9-line 15 Delete "(c)" and insert "(d)"; delete "ten".

Page 9-line 16 Delete "million dollars ($10,000,000.00)" and insert "fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000.00)".

Page 10-line 2 Delete "program authorized by this section" and insert "programs authorized under subsections (a) and (b) of this section".

Page 10-line 8 Delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 10-line 9 Delete "program authorized by this section" and insert "programs authorized under subsections (a) and (b) of this section".

Page 10-line 11 Delete "(e)" and insert "(f)".

Page 10-line 15 Delete "(f)" and insert "(g)"; delete "program authorized by this section" and insert "programs authorized under subsections (a) and (b) of this section". NICHOLAS

5/15/2020 H 2nd Reading:Passed

HB1002H3001/withdrawn

HB1002H3002/Adopted

In the Nicholas second reading amendment (HB1002H2002/A) to this line, delete paragraph (ii) of
subsection (b) created by that amendment entirely and insert ") (ii) Deduct from any program award provided to a resident under this section any monetary assistance provided to a mortgage holder or owner of the residential property as a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic that accrues to the benefit of the resident in accordance with rules promulgated by the Wyoming community development authority;": in paragraph (iii) of subsection (b) created by that amendment, after "section 2201 of the CARES Act" insert "or similar payments received by an applicant as the result of further federal action in response to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic". NICHOLAS

In the Nicholas second reading amendment (HB1002H2002/A) to this line, in subsection (b) (intro) created by that amendment, delete "Any program created under this subsection shall adhere to the principles and concepts of the Emergency Housing Assistance Program administered by the Montana Department of Commerce, established in response to COVID-coronavirus pandemic."; in paragraph (b) (i) created by that amendment, after "mortgaged residential property" insert ", residential property subject to a contract for deed"; after "or leased residential property" insert ". Mortgaged property that is eligible for forbearance under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136, or any other federal act shall not qualify for a program award under this subsection;"; in paragraph (b) (iii) created by that amendment, delete "required income thresholds and mandatory copayment obligations" and insert "mandating copayment obligations and limiting program awards to residents with an annual income of less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00)". DUNCAN

5/15/2020  H 3rd Reading:Passed 57-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Blake, Brown, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clem, Clifford, Connolly, Crank, Dayton-Selman, Duncan, Eklund, Eyre, Flitner, Freeman, Furphy, Gray, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, Macguire, Miller, Newsome, Nicholas, Northrup, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Roscoe, Salazar, Schwartz, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Tass, Walters, Washut, Western, Wilson, Winter, Yin, Zwonitzer

Nays: Representative(s) Edwards, Jennings

Excused: Representative Pownall

Ayes 57  Nays 2  Excused 1  Absent 0  Conflicts 0