

SENATE FILE NO. SF0175

Unemployment insurance coverage-period and reporting.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kolb, Ide, McKeown and Steinmetz
and Representative(s) Bear and Heiner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; reducing the
 2 maximum length of unemployment benefits; renaming the
 3 unemployment insurance commission; specifying
 4 applicability; providing an appropriation; and providing
 5 for effective dates.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-102(a)(v), 27-3-304, 27-3-601(a)
 10 and 27-14-802(b) are amended to read:

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12 **27-3-102. Definitions generally.**

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14 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this
 15 act:

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2 (v) "Commission" means the ~~unemployment~~
3 reemployment insurance commission of Wyoming within the
4 department of workforce services;

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6 **27-3-304. Maximum payment.**

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8 Except as provided by W.S. 27-3-316, the maximum amount of
9 benefits payable to any eligible individual in a benefit
10 year shall not exceed ~~twenty six (26)~~ twenty (20) times his
11 weekly benefit or thirty percent (30%) of his wages payable
12 for insured work in his base period, whichever is less.
13 This amount shall be computed to the next higher multiple
14 of his weekly benefit.

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16 **27-3-601. Reemployment insurance commission created;**
17 **composition; terms; vacancies; salary; chairman; quorum;**
18 **removal; office; seal.**

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20 (a) The ~~unemployment~~ reemployment insurance
21 commission of Wyoming is created within the department of
22 workforce services and shall consist of three (3) members
23 serving a term of six (6) years each. Appointments,

1 vacancies and expiration of terms shall be in accordance
2 with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103. A member shall not
3 hold any state office or serve as an officer or on a
4 committee of any political organization during the term of
5 membership. No more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the
6 members shall be of the same political party.

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8 **27-14-802. Rulemaking power; fees; state's average**
9 **wages; vocational rehabilitation; contracts with clerks of**
10 **district court.**

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12 (b) Before the last day of each quarter in each year,
13 the department shall estimate the average monthly and
14 weekly wage for the twelve (12) months preceding the
15 quarter, based on ~~unemployment~~reemployment insurance
16 commission information and other available statistics.

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18 **Section 2.** There is appropriated eighteen thousand
19 dollars (\$18,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming
20 department of workforce services for purposes of updating
21 and administering the Wyoming unemployment insurance
22 system. This appropriation shall be for the period
23 beginning with the effective date of this section and

1 ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be
2 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
3 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
4 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
5 2026.

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7 **Section 3.** This act shall apply to all unemployment
8 claims filed on and after January 4, 2026.

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10 **Section 4.**

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12 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
13 section, this act is effective January 4, 2026.

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15 (b) Sections 2 and 4 of this act are effective
16 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
17 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
18 the Wyoming Constitution.

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