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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Unemployment insurance coverage-period and reporting.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; reducing the
2 maximum amount 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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STAFF COMMENT

In light of the changes to the name of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, the Committee may wish to consider renaming the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund to the Reemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

27-3-102. Definitions generally.

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

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

27-3-304. Maximum payment.

Except as provided by W.S. 27-3-316, the maximum amount of benefits payable to any eligible ~~individual~~ person in a benefit year shall not exceed ~~twenty-six (26)~~ twenty (20) times ~~his~~ the person's weekly benefit or thirty percent (30%) of ~~his~~ the person's wages payable for insured work in ~~his~~ the person's base period, whichever is less. This

1 amount shall be computed to the next higher multiple of ~~his~~
2 the person's weekly benefit.

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4 **27-3-601. Reemployment insurance commission created;**
5 **composition; terms; vacancies; salary; chairman; quorum;**
6 **removal; office; seal.**

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8 (a) The ~~unemployment~~ reemployment insurance
9 commission of Wyoming is created within the department of
10 workforce services and shall consist of three (3) members
11 serving a term of six (6) years each. Appointments,
12 vacancies and expiration of terms shall be in accordance
13 with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103. A member shall not
14 hold any state office or serve as an officer or on a
15 committee of any political organization during the term of
16 membership. No more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the
17 members shall be of the same political party.

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19 **27-14-802. Rulemaking power; fees; state's average**
20 **wages; vocational rehabilitation; contracts with clerks of**
21 **district court.**

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

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7 **Section 2.** There is appropriated eighteen thousand
8 dollars (\$18,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming
9 department of workforce services for purposes of updating
10 and administering the Wyoming unemployment insurance
11 system. This appropriation shall be for the period
12 beginning with the effective date of this section and
13 ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation shall not be
14 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
15 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
16 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
17 2027.

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19 **Section 3.** This act shall apply to all unemployment
20 claims filed on and after January 1, 2027.

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22 **Section 4.**
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1 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
2 section, this act is effective January 1, 2027.

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

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9 (END)