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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1840

5 By: Representatives Andrews, Beaty Jr., M. Brown, McCollum, Pilkington, Ray  
6 By: Senator M. McKee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REGULATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM  
10 BENEFITS; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT  
11 FRAUD FROM COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM  
12 BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 PROGRAM BENEFITS; AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN  
17 INDIVIDUALS WHO COMMIT FRAUD FROM  
18 COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM  
19 BENEFITS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Purpose.

26 The purpose of this act is to prohibit an individual who commits fraud  
27 to collect or increase the amount of unemployment insurance program benefits  
28 paid to him or her from being eligible for unemployment insurance program  
29 benefits for a period of ten (10) years.  
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 11-10-519(a)(3)(B), concerning the actions  
32 that result in disqualification of unemployment benefits under the  
33 unemployment insurance program, is amended to read as follows:

34 (B)(i) A person who is disqualified for benefits under  
35 this section shall be liable for repayment of any benefits determined to have  
36 been collected fraudulently, as well as any other penalties, interest, and



1 costs assessed as a result of the fraudulent activity.

2 (ii) Beginning on and after October 1, 2023, if it  
3 is determined that there is a fraudulent overpayment of one thousand dollars  
4 (\$1,000) or more under § 11-10-532, then a person shall be disqualified for  
5 benefits for ten (10) years beginning on the effective date of the  
6 determination finding that the person knowingly made a false representation  
7 of a material fact or failed to disclose a material fact in filing an initial  
8 claim, a claim renewal, or a continued weekly claim.

9 (iii) Until the liabilities have been repaid, the  
10 person shall forfeit any right to receive benefits under this chapter.

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