

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Revenue Law of the Civil
5 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section
6 2505-760 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2505/2505-760 new)

8 Sec. 2505-760. Unemployment benefit fraud prevention. The
9 Department of Employment Security and the Department of
10 Revenue shall cooperate under the Unemployment Insurance Act
11 by sharing information concerning any suspected fraudulent
12 unemployment benefit received by an Illinois taxpayer, as
13 provided under Section 2703 of the Unemployment Insurance Act.
14 The Department may adopt rules for the purposes of
15 establishing a safe, secure, and expedited method of
16 identifying Illinois taxpayers who have claimed or been paid
17 fraudulent unemployment benefits and taking necessary actions
18 to hold the Illinois taxpayer harmless from adverse changes to
19 his or her income, based upon fraudulent acts, reported to the
20 Department for tax filing or payment purposes provided under
21 the Illinois Income Tax Act.

22 Section 10. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by

1 adding Section 2703 as follows:

2 (820 ILCS 405/2703 new)

3 Sec. 2703. Exchange of information with Department of
4 Revenue for fraud prevention. The administration of this Act
5 shall include cooperation between the Department of Employment
6 Security and the Department of Revenue to securely exchange
7 information for purposes of ensuring the accuracy and
8 legitimacy of unemployment insurance, including the
9 application and receipt of unemployment benefits, provided for
10 under this Act. The Department, in collaboration with the
11 Department of Revenue, shall adopt a method of verification
12 that seeks to identify any suspected fraudulent activity in
13 the unemployment benefits system, including establishing a
14 safe, secure, and expedited method of notification from one
15 agency to another whenever there is suspected fraud in the
16 benefits claimed by or paid to an Illinois resident. The
17 Department may establish a safe and secure database containing
18 any reported or suspected case of fraud which shall be
19 accessible to the Department of Revenue for purposes of
20 identifying individuals who have claimed or been paid
21 fraudulent unemployment benefits.