



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4405

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Rep. Chris Bos

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 405/607

from Ch. 48, par. 437

Amends the Unemployment Insurance Act. Provides that an individual who is receiving unemployment benefits may notify the Department of Employment Security that the individual elects to interrupt his or her eligibility period so that the individual may engage in temporary employment. Provides that an individual who makes such an election is ineligible for benefits during the period of interruption. Provides that, when the temporary employment ends, the individual may notify the Department of the individual's election to resume his or her eligibility for benefits for the remainder of the 26 weeks if the individual is otherwise eligible. Requires the Department to adopt rules and to post a notice on its website that explains the right to make an election. Provides that an election to interrupt benefits may not be made on or after January 1, 2023. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 5. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by
5 changing Section 607 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 405/607) (from Ch. 48, par. 437)

7 Sec. 607. Ineligibility after 26 weeks - Work requirement
8 for second benefit year.

9 A. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits
10 whenever, in any period commencing with a compensable week of
11 unemployment, he has been allowed his full weekly benefit
12 amount for each of twenty-six weeks, until he has earned wages
13 equal to at least three times his current weekly benefit
14 amount in bona fide work, reduced by an amount equal to his
15 current weekly benefit amount for each week, if any, in which
16 he was not unemployed within such period, whereupon he shall
17 again, if otherwise eligible, be permitted to receive his full
18 weekly benefit amount for twenty-six weeks.

19 If, however, a compensable week of unemployment is
20 followed by three or more weeks (not necessarily consecutive)
21 in each of which he earned wages for bona fide work equal to at
22 least his then current weekly benefit amount, such period
23 shall be deemed to commence immediately after the last week in

1 which he earned such wages.

2 This subsection is applicable only to weeks in benefit
3 years which begin prior to January 1, 1972.

4 A-1. Notwithstanding subsection A, an individual who is
5 receiving benefits may notify the Department that the
6 individual elects to interrupt the individual's eligibility
7 period so that the individual may engage in temporary
8 employment. An individual who makes such an election is
9 ineligible for benefits during the period of interruption.
10 When the temporary employment ends, the individual may notify
11 the Department of the individual's election to resume the
12 individual's eligibility for benefits for the remainder of the
13 26 weeks if the individual is otherwise eligible. The
14 Department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection A-1.
15 The Department shall post a notice on its website that
16 explains the right to make an election under this subsection
17 A-1. An election under this subsection A-1 to interrupt
18 benefits may not be made on or after January 1, 2023.

19 B. An individual shall be ineligible for benefits for any
20 week in a benefit year which begins on or after January 1,
21 1972, unless, subsequent to the beginning of his immediately
22 preceding benefit year with respect to which benefits were
23 paid to him, he performed bona fide work and earned
24 remuneration for such work equal to at least 3 times his
25 current weekly benefit amount.

26 (Source: P.A. 77-1443.)

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.