

1 H.672

2 Introduced by Representative Harrison of Chittenden

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Labor; unemployment insurance; work search; overpayment of  
6 benefits

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require  
8 individuals to repay any unemployment insurance benefits received during a  
9 week in which the individual failed to conduct an interview for suitable work  
10 or provided an employer with false or inaccurate information that prevented  
11 the employer from scheduling an interview with the individual.

12 An act relating to work search requirements for individuals receiving  
13 unemployment insurance benefits

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 1347 is amended to read:

16 § 1347. NONDISCLOSURE OR MISREPRESENTATION

17 (a)(1) Any person who fails, without good cause, to make reasonable effort  
18 to secure suitable work when directed to do so by the employment office or the  
19 Commissioner and has received any amount as benefits under this chapter with  
20 respect to weeks for which the person is determined to be ineligible for such

1 failure, and any person who by nondisclosure or misrepresentation by ~~him or~~  
2 ~~her~~ the person, or by another, of a material fact (irrespective of whether ~~such~~  
3 the nondisclosure or misrepresentation was known or fraudulent) has received  
4 any amount as benefits under this chapter while any conditions for the receipt  
5 of benefits imposed by this chapter were not fulfilled in ~~his or her~~ the person's  
6 case or while ~~he or she~~ the person was disqualified from receiving benefits,  
7 shall be liable for ~~such~~ the amount.

8 (2) A person shall be deemed to have failed to make reasonable efforts  
9 to secure suitable work if the person:

10 (A) fails, without good cause, to conduct an interview for suitable  
11 work after an employer has contacted the person to arrange such an interview;  
12 or

13 (B) provides false or inaccurate information to an employer that  
14 prevents the employer from contacting the person to arrange an interview for  
15 suitable work.

16 (3) Notice of determination in such cases shall specify that the person is  
17 liable to repay to the Fund the amount of overpaid benefits, the basis of the  
18 overpayment, and the week or weeks for which ~~such~~ the benefits were paid.  
19 The determination shall be made within three years from the date of ~~such~~ the  
20 overpayment.

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1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.