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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Goldsmith, Romero, Lisk, Schoesler and Elliot; by request of Employment Security Department)

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1 AN ACT Relating to disqualification from unemployment compensation;
2 amending RCW 50.20.065 and 50.20.160; providing an effective date; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.065 and 1993 c 483 s 11 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) Notwithstanding any prior determination made under this
8 chapter, an individual who has been discharged from his or her work
9 because of a felony or gross misdemeanor of which he or she has been
10 convicted, or has admitted committing to a competent authority, and
11 that is connected with his or her work shall ((have)) be disqualified
12 from benefits beginning with the first day of the calendar week in
13 which he or she has been discharged or suspended for misconduct and
14 thereafter for five calendar weeks and until he or she has obtained
15 work and earned wages equal to five times his or her benefit amount.
16 In addition, all hourly wage credits based on that employment shall be
17 canceled.

1 (2) The employer shall notify the department of such an admission
2 or conviction, not later than six months following the admission or
3 conviction.

4 (3) The claimant shall disclose any conviction of the claimant of
5 a work-connected felony or gross misdemeanor occurring in the previous
6 two years to the department at the time of application for benefits.

7 (4) All benefits (~~((that are))~~) paid (~~((in error))~~) based on wage/hour
8 credits that (~~((should have been))~~) are removed from the claimant's base
9 year are recoverable, notwithstanding RCW 50.20.190 or 50.24.020 or any
10 other provisions of this title.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 50.20.160 and 1990 c 245 s 4 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) A determination of amount of benefits potentially payable
14 issued pursuant to the provisions of RCW 50.20.120 and 50.20.140 shall
15 not serve as a basis for appeal but shall be subject to request by the
16 claimant for reconsideration and/or for redetermination by the
17 commissioner at any time within one year from the date of delivery or
18 mailing of such determination, or any redetermination thereof:
19 PROVIDED, That in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation on the part
20 of the claimant, any benefits paid prior to the date of any
21 redetermination which reduces the amount of benefits payable shall not
22 be subject to recovery under the provisions of RCW 50.20.190. A denial
23 of a request to reconsider or a redetermination shall be furnished the
24 claimant in writing and provide the basis for appeal under the
25 provisions of RCW 50.32.020.

26 (2) A determination of denial of benefits issued under the
27 provisions of RCW 50.20.180 shall become final, in absence of timely
28 appeal therefrom: PROVIDED, That the commissioner may reconsider and
29 redetermine such determinations at any time within one year from
30 delivery or mailing to correct an error in identity, omission of fact,
31 or misapplication of law with respect to the facts.

32 (3) A determination of allowance of benefits shall become final, in
33 absence of a timely appeal therefrom: PROVIDED, That the commissioner
34 may redetermine such allowance at any time within two years following
35 the benefit year in which such allowance was made in order to recover
36 any benefits improperly paid and for which recovery is provided under
37 the provisions of RCW 50.20.190: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That in the
38 absence of fraud, misrepresentation, (~~((or))~~) nondisclosure, or a

1 determination of disqualification under RCW 50.20.065, this provision
2 or the provisions of RCW 50.20.190 shall not be construed so as to
3 permit redetermination or recovery of an allowance of benefits which
4 having been made after consideration of the provisions of RCW
5 50.20.010(3), or the provisions of RCW 50.20.050, 50.20.060, 50.20.080,
6 or 50.20.090 has become final.

7 (4) A redetermination may be made at any time: (a) To conform to
8 a final court decision applicable to either an initial determination or
9 a determination of denial or allowance of benefits; (b) in the event of
10 a back pay award or settlement affecting the allowance of benefits;
11 ~~((or))~~ (c) in the case of fraud, misrepresentation, or willful
12 nondisclosure; or (d) in the event of a determination of
13 disqualification under RCW 50.20.065. Written notice of any such
14 redetermination shall be promptly given by mail or delivered to such
15 interested parties as were notified of the initial determination or
16 determination of denial or allowance of benefits and any new interested
17 party or parties who, pursuant to such regulation as the commissioner
18 may prescribe, would be an interested party.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
22 effect July 2, 1995, and is effective as to job separations occurring
23 on or after July 2, 1995.

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