
SENATE BILL 6134

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By Senator King

1 AN ACT Relating to notice to striking workers applying for
2 unemployment insurance benefits of potential overpayment assessment
3 upon receipt of retroactive wages; amending RCW 50.20.092; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.092 and 2025 c 352 s 5 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) If an individual receives benefits under this title while
9 being unemployed due to a strike at the separating employer's
10 factory, establishment, or other premises and the individual
11 subsequently receives retroactive wages from the separating employer
12 for any week for which he or she received benefits under this title,
13 the department shall issue an overpayment assessment to recover the
14 corresponding benefits as provided under RCW 50.20.190.

15 (2) When an individual applies for benefits pursuant to RCW
16 50.20.090 due to a strike at the separating employer's factory,
17 establishment, or other premises, the department shall notify the
18 applicant of the potential for an overpayment assessment if
19 retroactive wages are received. The notice may be provided by the
20 department through an acknowledgment box in the online application

1 process, a letter to the applicant, or another method reasonably
2 determined by the department to provide notice to the applicant.

3 (3) This section expires December 31, 2035.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any part of this act is found to be in
5 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to
6 the allocation of federal funds to the state or the eligibility of
7 employers in this state for federal unemployment tax credits, the
8 conflicting part of this act is inoperative solely to the extent of
9 the conflict, and the finding or determination does not affect the
10 operation of the remainder of this act. Rules adopted under this act
11 must meet federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the
12 receipt of federal funds by the state or the granting of federal
13 unemployment tax credits to employers in this state.

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