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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Motion:

Move to:

a. Require that if a person fails or refuses to take a test for the presence of illegal drugs that is required by an employer or prospective employer as a condition of employment, the employer or prospective employer must report the failure or refusal to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD). Require DWD to retain information reported under this provision for the purpose of determining eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. Specify that such individuals are ineligible to receive unemployment benefits for the following 12 months. Specify that these provisions apply to the extent permitted under federal law.

b. Require a one-week waiting period prior to receiving unemployment insurance benefits effective January 1, 2012.

Note:

According to DWD, a one-week waiting period is estimated to reduce benefits paid to unemployment insurance claimants by between \$41 and \$56 million per year depending on the unemployment rate.