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State of Misconsin 2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-6257/1 MED:amn

2019 BILL

1 AN ACT to repeal 108.02 (26m) and 108.04 (3); and to amend 108.04 (11) (bm)

of the statutes; **relating to:** the unemployment insurance waiting period.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a claimant must generally wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment, though the application of the one-week waiting period is temporarily suspended for benefit years that began after March 12, 2020, and before February 7, 2021. The waiting period does not affect the maximum number of weeks of a claimant's benefit eligibility.

This bill permanently deletes the one-week waiting period, thus permitting a claimant to receive UI benefits beginning with his or her first week of eligibility.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 3 **Section 1.** 108.02 (26m) of the statutes is repealed.
- **Section 2.** 108.04 (3) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 185,
- 5 is repealed.

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Section 3. 108.04 (11) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

108.04 (11) (bm) The department shall apply any ineligibility under par. (be) against benefits and weeks of eligibility for which the claimant would otherwise be eligible after the week of concealment and within 6 years after the date of an initial determination issued under s. 108.09 finding that a concealment occurred. The claimant shall not receive waiting period credit under s. 108.04 (3) for the period of ineligibility applied under par. (be). If no benefit rate applies to the week for which the claim is made, the department shall use the claimant's benefit rate for the claimant's next benefit year beginning after the week of concealment to determine the amount of the benefit reduction.

SECTION 4. Initial applicability.

(1) Unemployment insurance; deletion of waiting period. This act first applies to benefit years beginning on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

(1) Unemployment insurance; deletion of waiting period. This act takes effect on the Sunday after publication.

17 (END)