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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

**Sections 1, 7, and 9** of the bill amend the existing authority of the division of unemployment insurance (division) to issue bonds by:

- Clarifying that the division may issue the bonds through the state treasurer; and
- Granting the division the authority to levy bond assessments.

Current law provides a temporary increase in partial unemployment benefits. **Section 2** makes this temporary increase

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permanent.

**Section 3** repeals the requirement that an individual wait at least one week before becoming eligible for unemployment compensation. This repeal will take effect when the unemployment compensation fund reaches a balance of at least \$1 billion.

**Section 4** requires the division to study how to implement a dependent allowance for individuals receiving unemployment compensation.

**Sections 4 and 10** require the department of labor and employment to award grants to one or more third-party administrators for the purpose of providing recovery benefits to eligible individuals. The grants to the third-party administrators and the recovery benefits are funded through .00035 of the premium each employer is required to submit to the division. An individual is eligible to receive recovery benefits if the individual, regardless of the individual's immigration status:

- Separated from employment through no fault of the individual;
- Received income from employment during a qualified base period or alternative base period;
- Attests that the individual is not currently receiving any state-administered wage replacement assistance;
- Is not eligible for state-administered wage replacement assistance for reasons related to the individual's authorization to work; and
- Has a pay stub or form W-2 to verify the individual's employment and wage withholding.

**Section 5** requires an employer to provide an employee with certain information about unemployment compensation upon the employee's separation from employment.

**Section 6** extends the hold on an employer's solvency surcharge through calendar year 2023.

**Sections 8 and 12** require the state treasurer to transfer \$600 million to a newly created fund. The transfer is from money received by the state through the federal "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021". The money in the fund may be used only to repay the outstanding balance of federal advances provided to the state through the unemployment insurance trust fund and interest owed on the advances.

Current law requires an individual to repay the division for overpaid unemployment compensation benefits unless the division finds that repayment would be inequitable. **Section 11** sets forth factors that the division must consider in determining whether repayment would be inequitable.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-71-103, **amend**  
3 (2)(d)(I) and (2)(d)(II) as follows:

4 **8-71-103. Organization of division - authority to issue bonds.**

5 (2) (d) (I) Upon receiving the certifications specified in ~~subparagraphs~~  
6 ~~(III) and (IV) of this paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTIONS (2)(d)(III) AND  
7 (2)(d)(IV) OF THIS SECTION, the division may issue revenue bonds for the  
8 same purposes and on the same terms, and levy and apply the proceeds of  
9 bond assessments for the same purposes and in the same manner, as the  
10 Colorado housing and finance authority may issue bonds and MAY levy  
11 and apply the proceeds of bond assessments under section 29-4-710.7,  
12 ~~€:R:S.~~, substituting references to the division for references to the  
13 authority under that section. THE STATE TREASURER MAY ADVISE THE  
14 DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-36-121. Bond assessments  
15 levied by the division may be used to pay revenue bonds issued by the  
16 division under this ~~paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(d) or revenue bonds  
17 issued by the Colorado housing and finance authority under section  
18 29-4-710.7. ~~€:R:S.~~

19 (II) Any bonds issued pursuant to this ~~paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION  
20 (2)(d) must be executed and delivered by the director of the division and  
21 may be in the form, may be sold, and may have the same terms as  
22 provided in section 43-4-807 (1)(b) and (1)(c); ~~€:R:S.~~, may contain the  
23 provisions permitted by section 43-4-807 (1)(d); ~~€:R:S.~~, shall be legal  
24 investments for the entities described in, AND subject to the terms set  
25 forth in, section 43-4-807 (3); ~~€:R:S.~~, and shall be exempt from taxation  
26 and assessments in the state as provided in section 43-4-807 (4). ~~€:R:S.~~  
27 The division may invest or deposit any proceeds and interest from the sale

1 of such bonds as provided in section 43-4-807 (2). ~~C.R.S.~~ The division  
2 ~~shall have~~ HAS the power to enter into all other contracts or agreements,  
3 which contracts and agreements are not subject to the "Procurement  
4 Code", articles 101 to 112 of title 24, ~~C.R.S.~~, that are necessary or  
5 incidental to the exercise of its powers and duties under this ~~paragraph (d)~~  
6 SUBSECTION (2)(d), including the power to engage the services of  
7 consultants, financial advisors, underwriters, bond insurers, letter of  
8 credit banks, rating agencies, and agents and other persons whose services  
9 may be required or deemed advantageous by the division, and the power  
10 to enter into interest rate exchange agreements for bonds that have been  
11 issued in accordance with this ~~paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(d). The  
12 amount of outstanding liability for bonds issued pursuant to this  
13 ~~paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(d) or section 29-4-710.7 ~~C.R.S.~~, is not  
14 taken into account for purposes of rate setting under article 76 of this ~~title~~  
15 TITLE 8. THE AMOUNT OF OUTSTANDING LIABILITY FOR BONDS ISSUED  
16 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2)(d) AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS  
17 UNDER SECTION 24-36-121 IS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR PURPOSES OF  
18 RATE SETTING UNDER ARTICLE 76 OF THIS TITLE 8.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-73-103, **amend** (1)  
20 as follows:

21 **8-73-103. Benefits for partial unemployment.** (1) ~~(a)~~ Each  
22 eligible individual who is partially unemployed shall be paid a partial  
23 benefit. Partial benefits shall be in an amount equal to the eligible  
24 individual's weekly benefit amount for total unemployment, minus that  
25 part of wages payable to the individual with respect to the week that is in  
26 excess of ~~twenty-five~~ FIFTY percent of the individual's weekly benefit  
27 amount as computed in accordance with section 8-73-102, and the benefit

1 payment resulting shall be computed to the next lower multiple of one  
2 dollar.

3 ~~(b) (I) Notwithstanding subsection (1)(a) of this section, on and~~  
4 ~~after July 14, 2020, and for two calendar years thereafter, partial benefits~~  
5 ~~shall be in an amount equal to the eligible individual's weekly benefit~~  
6 ~~amount for total unemployment, minus that part of wages payable to the~~  
7 ~~individual with respect to the week that is in excess of fifty percent of the~~  
8 ~~individual's weekly benefit amount as computed in accordance with~~  
9 ~~section 8-73-102, and the benefit payment resulting shall be computed to~~  
10 ~~the next lower multiple of one dollar.~~

11 ~~(H) This subsection (1)(b) is repealed, effective September 1,~~  
12 ~~2022.~~

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-73-107, **amend**  
14 (1)(d) as follows:

15 **8-73-107. Eligibility conditions - penalty - repeal.** (1) Any  
16 unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect  
17 to any week only if the division finds that:

18 (d) (I) The individual has been either totally or partially  
19 unemployed for a waiting period of one week. No benefits are payable for  
20 the waiting period. No week shall be counted as a week of unemployment  
21 for the purposes of this ~~paragraph (d)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(d):

22 ~~(H)~~ (A) Unless it occurs within the benefit year, which includes the  
23 week with respect to which ~~he~~ THE INDIVIDUAL claims payment of  
24 benefits;

25 ~~(H)~~ (B) If benefits have been paid with respect ~~thereto~~ TO THE  
26 WEEK;

27 ~~(HH)~~ (C) Unless the individual was eligible for benefits with

1 respect ~~thereto~~ TO THE WEEK under THE provisions of sections 8-73-107  
2 to 8-73-112;

3 ~~(IV)~~ (D) Unless total wages earned for the week are less than the  
4 weekly benefit amount.

5 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d) WILL BE REPEALED IF THE BALANCE  
6 OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND REACHES AT LEAST ONE  
7 BILLION DOLLARS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION SHALL NOTIFY THE  
8 REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE CONDITION  
9 SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(d)(II) HAS OCCURRED BY E-MAILING  
10 THE NOTICE TO REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@STATE.CO.US. THIS SUBSECTION  
11 (1)(d) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON THE DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE  
12 ON WHICH THE BALANCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND  
13 REACHED AT LEAST ONE BILLION DOLLARS OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT  
14 SPECIFY THAT DATE, UPON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF  
15 STATUTES.

16 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 8-73-115 and  
17 8-73-116 as follows:

18 **8-73-115. Dependent allowance - study - repeal.** (1) THE  
19 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SHALL STUDY HOW TO CREATE  
20 AN ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023, FOR THE  
21 DEPENDENTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE  
22 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

23 (2) THE STUDY MUST INCLUDE:

24 (a) THE PROPOSED BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND BENEFIT ADEQUACY  
25 STANDARDS;

26 (b) UTILIZATION ESTIMATES;

27 (c) AN ESTIMATION OF THE COSTS OF PROVIDING A DEPENDENT

1 ALLOWANCE;

2 (d) THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE DEPENDENT ALLOWANCE ON  
3 LOW-WAGE CLAIMANTS, INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON SUFFICIENT JOB  
4 SEARCHING AND HIGH-QUALITY JOB MATCHING;

5 (e) A SUMMARY OF THE DEPENDENT ALLOWANCES OFFERED IN  
6 OTHER STATES; AND

7 (f) OTHER CHALLENGES THAT UNEMPLOYED, LOW-WAGE  
8 INDIVIDUALS WOULD FACE IN SECURING NEW EMPLOYMENT WHILE  
9 MEETING BASIC NEEDS WITH THE AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT  
10 COMPENSATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD RECEIVE WITHOUT THE  
11 DEPENDENT ALLOWANCE.

12 (3) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE STUDY TO THE  
14 SENATE BUSINESS, LABOR, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE  
15 BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND LABOR COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR  
16 COMMITTEES.

17 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

18 **8-73-116. Benefit recovery fund - recovery benefits - eligible**  
19 **individuals - third-party administrator - definitions - rules.** (1) AS  
20 USED IN THIS SECTION:

21 (a) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
22 EMPLOYMENT.

23 (b) "ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO,  
24 REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS:

25 (I) HAS SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT THROUGH NO FAULT OF  
26 THE INDIVIDUAL DUE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FACTORS OUTLINED IN  
27 SECTION 8-73-108 (4);

1 (II) RECEIVED INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT DURING A QUALIFIED  
2 BASE PERIOD OR ALTERNATIVE BASE PERIOD AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
3 8-70-103;

4 (III) ATTESTS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING  
5 ANY STATE-ADMINISTERED WAGE REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE;

6 (IV) IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR STATE-ADMINISTERED WAGE  
7 REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR REASONS RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
8 AUTHORIZATION TO WORK; AND

9 (V) HAS A PAY STUB OR FORM W-2 TO VERIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S  
10 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE WITHHOLDING.

11 (c) "FUND" MEANS THE BENEFIT RECOVERY FUND CREATED IN  
12 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (d) "RECOVERY BENEFITS" MEANS BENEFITS CALCULATED  
14 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (e) "THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR" MEANS AN ENTITY WITH  
16 WHICH THE DIVISION CONTRACTS TO ADMINISTER PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE  
17 INDIVIDUALS FROM THE FUND PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS  
18 SECTION.

19 (2) (a) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
20 BENEFIT RECOVERY FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO A THIRD-PARTY  
21 ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

22 (b) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

23 (I) MONEY TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION  
24 8-77-109 (2)(a); AND

25 (II) GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS RECEIVED BY THE  
26 DEPARTMENT FROM ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION OR  
27 ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL AND ANY INTEREST EARNED ON SUCH GIFTS,



1 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS.

2 (c) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND  
3 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE  
4 FUND TO THE FUND.

5 (d) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
6 DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

7 (e) (I) IF THE AMOUNT IN THE FUND EXCEEDS THIRTY MILLION  
8 DOLLARS, AS ADJUSTED FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S  
9 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR  
10 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX, EXCLUDING  
11 GIFTS, GRANTS, OR DONATIONS, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
12 THE MONEY IN THE FUND IN EXCESS OF THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS TO THE  
13 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-101 (1).

14 (II) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTINUE TO SOLICIT AND ACCEPT  
15 GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS REGARDLESS OF THE FUND BALANCE.

16 (3) (a) EACH QUARTER, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY THE UNITED  
17 STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING  
18 ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE THE MONEY IN THE  
19 FUND TO ONE OR MORE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE PURPOSE  
20 OF PROVIDING RECOVERY BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS. AT A  
21 MINIMUM, A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE  
22 BUILDING AND OPERATING FINANCIAL BENEFIT SYSTEMS THAT ARE PROVEN  
23 TO BE ACCESSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE TARGET POPULATION.

24 (b) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR  
25 CONTRACTING WITH THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS TO PROVIDE  
26 RECOVERY BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS, AND MAY DEVELOP  
27 GUIDANCE AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING RULES SPECIFYING THE GRANT

1 PROCESS FOR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
2 SELECT A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE  
3 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

4 (c) A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SELECTED PURSUANT TO  
5 SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS SECTION SHALL, WITHIN ONE HUNDRED DAYS  
6 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION:

7 (I) PROVIDE OUTREACH TO UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY  
8 BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS THROUGH THE FUND;

9 (II) SCREEN EACH APPLICANT FOR RECOVERY BENEFITS TO  
10 DETERMINE IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL; AND

11 (III) PAY RECOVERY BENEFITS TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

12 (4) TO RECEIVE RECOVERY BENEFITS, AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL  
13 MUST APPLY TO A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR WITH WHICH THE  
14 DIVISION HAS CONTRACTED.

15 (5)(a) A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PAY EACH ELIGIBLE  
16 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS TOTALLY UNEMPLOYED IN ANY WEEK, WITH RESPECT  
17 TO THAT WEEK, RECOVERY BENEFITS AT A RATE OF FIFTY-FIVE PERCENT OF  
18 THE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL'S AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE AS DETERMINED  
19 FROM EARNINGS DATA PROVIDED TO THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR;  
20 EXCEPT THAT THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY PAYMENT AMOUNT MAY NOT  
21 EXCEED THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT FOR BENEFITS AS  
22 CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-73-102 (2).

23 (b) IF THE RECOVERY BENEFIT AMOUNT IS NOT AN EVEN DOLLAR  
24 AMOUNT, THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ROUND THE  
25 RECOVERY BENEFIT AMOUNT TO THE NEXT LOWER FULL DOLLAR AMOUNT.

26 (c) AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL MAY RECEIVE RECOVERY BENEFITS  
27 FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTEEN WEEKS DURING THE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL'S

1 PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

2 (6) IF THE FUND BALANCE IS BELOW FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
3 DOLLARS, AS ADJUSTED FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S  
4 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR  
5 DENVER-AURORA-LAKEWOOD OR ITS SUCCESSOR INDEX, A THIRD-PARTY  
6 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SUSPEND PAYMENTS UNTIL THE BALANCE OF THE  
7 FUND IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

8 (7) (a) ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS COLLECTED  
9 ARE CONFIDENTIAL, EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE "COLORADO  
10 OPEN RECORDS ACT", PART 2 OF ARTICLE 72 OF TITLE 24, AND MAY BE  
11 USED OR DISCLOSED ONLY FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, EXCEPT WHERE  
12 NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER.

13 (b) IN CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION:

14 (I) THE DEPARTMENT AND ANY CONTRACTED THIRD-PARTY  
15 ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES AND SAFEGUARDS  
16 AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO AND USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION  
17 COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION BY ANY PERSON, OTHER THAN FOR  
18 THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION; AND

19 (II) A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL NOT DISCLOSE THAT  
20 AN INDIVIDUAL HAS APPLIED FOR OR IS A RECIPIENT OF RECOVERY  
21 BENEFITS TO ANY PERSON THAT IS NOT ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

22 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-74-101, **add** (4) as  
23 follows:

24 **8-74-101. Claims for benefits - employer-provided form**  
25 **required.** (4) AT THE TIME OF SEPARATION FROM AN EMPLOYER, THE  
26 EMPLOYER SHALL PROVIDE EACH EMPLOYEE, ON THE FORM CREATED BY  
27 THE DIVISION, INFORMATION REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF

- 1 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS. THE FORM MUST INCLUDE:
- 2 (a) THE EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS;
- 3 (b) THE EMPLOYEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS;
- 4 (c) THE EMPLOYEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR OTHER
- 5 IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;
- 6 (d) THE EMPLOYEE'S START DATE, DATE OF LAST DAY WORKED,
- 7 YEAR-TO-DATE EARNINGS, AND WAGES FOR THE LAST WEEK THE
- 8 EMPLOYEE WORKED; AND
- 9 (e) THE REASON THE EMPLOYEE SEPARATED FROM THE EMPLOYER.

10 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-76-102.5, **amend**

11 (7)(c) as follows:

12 **8-76-102.5. Rates effective upon fund solvency - repeal of**

13 **prior rates - solvency surcharge - definitions - repeal.**

14 (7) (c) (I) Notwithstanding subsection (7)(a) of this section, for the

15 calendar years 2021, ~~and~~ 2022, AND 2023, the division shall not assess a

16 solvency surcharge on any employer.

17 (II) This subsection (7)(c) is repealed, effective January 1, ~~2023~~

18 2024.

19 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 8-76-116 as

20 follows:

21 **8-76-116. Power to levy bond assessments - definition.** (1) AS

22 USED IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE UNEMPLOYMENT

23 COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-101 (1).

24 (2) UPON RECEIVING THE CERTIFICATIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION

25 8-71-103 (2), THE DIVISION, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER POWERS GRANTED

26 BY ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS TITLE 8, HAS POWER TO LEVY CERTAIN

27 BOND ASSESSMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

1           (a) ALL BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE  
2 LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE DIVISION, PAYABLE SOLELY FROM REVENUES  
3 GENERATED THROUGH THE LEVY BY THE AUTHORITY OF A BOND  
4 ASSESSMENT AGAINST EACH EMPLOYER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-70-113,  
5 SUBJECT TO AN EXPERIENCE RATING UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS  
6 TITLE 8, IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY SUBSECTION  
7 (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION OR FROM REVENUES GENERATED THROUGH THE  
8 LEVY BY THE DIVISION OF A BOND ASSESSMENT UNDER SECTION 8-71-103  
9 (2)(d); FROM PAYMENTS FROM THE DIVISION OR MONEY APPLIED BY THE  
10 DIVISION UNDER SECTION 8-77-101 (1); FROM PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM  
11 THE SALE OF BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AND FROM  
12 THE EARNINGS ON THOSE PROCEEDS; AND FROM ALL MONEY AND  
13 SECURITIES IN ALL SPECIAL ACCOUNTS CREATED BY AND UNDER THE  
14 CONTROL OF THE DIVISION UNDER THIS SECTION. THE DIVISION SHALL  
15 COLLECT AND ADMINISTER THE BOND ASSESSMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE  
16 SAME MANNER AS OTHER EMPLOYER PREMIUMS AND SURCHARGES  
17 REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS TITLE 8. SUBJECT TO  
18 ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS TITLE 8, THE ASSESSMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO  
19 THE COVERED EMPLOYERS OF THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO  
20 THOSE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYERS,  
21 OR TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ELECTING THE SPECIAL RATE.

22           (b) THE DIVISION MAY DEPOSIT ALL OR ANY PORTION OF MONEY  
23 COLLECTED FROM ASSESSMENTS FOR PRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND  
24 REPAYMENT COSTS INTO THE FUND. THE PORTION OF THESE REVENUES  
25 DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND CONSTITUTES PART OF EACH EMPLOYER'S  
26 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THE DIVISION SHALL  
27 PAY AMOUNTS FROM THESE REVENUES FOR THE REPAYMENT OF THE

1 PRINCIPAL OF BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION OR SECTION 8-71-103  
2 (2)(d).

3 (c) THE LEVY MUST BE AT A RATE OR RATES THAT, WHEN APPLIED  
4 AGAINST THE TAXABLE WAGES OF THOSE EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO THE  
5 BOND ASSESSMENT, WILL PRODUCE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO PAY ALL  
6 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OR OTHERWISE RELATING TO BONDS AND NOTES  
7 ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2), INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL OF,  
8 AND INTEREST AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, ON, THE BONDS AND NOTES, THE  
9 COSTS OF BOND ISSUANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, OTHER RELATED FEES  
10 AND COSTS OF THE DIVISION, AND RESERVES THEREFOR.

11 (d) EMPLOYERS SHALL SUBMIT BOND ASSESSMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
12 THIS SUBSECTION (2) ASSOCIATED WITH NONPRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND  
13 REPAYMENT COSTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE EMPLOYER'S NORMAL  
14 PREMIUMS AND SURCHARGES PAID UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS  
15 TITLE 8, AND THE ASSESSMENTS ARE A LIEN UPON THE REAL AND  
16 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF AN EMPLOYER IN THE MANNER AND TO THE  
17 EXTENT SET FORTH IN SECTION 8-79-103. THE DIVISION SHALL DEPOSIT  
18 THE ASSESSMENTS INTO THE UNEMPLOYMENT BOND REPAYMENT ACCOUNT  
19 CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-103.5, AND SHALL, AFTER OFFSETTING THE  
20 DIVISION'S COSTS FOR COLLECTING AND ADMINISTERING THE BOND  
21 ASSESSMENTS, USE THIS MONEY ONLY FOR PAYMENT FROM TIME TO TIME  
22 TO ONE OR MORE SPECIAL ACCOUNTS CREATED BY AND UNDER THE  
23 CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF THE BONDS. THE ISSUER OF THE BONDS SHALL  
24 USE ALL MONEY ACCRUING IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT ONLY TO PAY  
25 NONPRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND REPAYMENT COSTS DESCRIBED IN  
26 SUBSECTION (2)(c) OF THIS SECTION, AND THE ISSUER OF THE BONDS SHALL  
27 PAY ANY MONEY REMAINING IN SUCH AN ACCOUNT AND NOT BE REQUIRED

1 TO PAY NONPRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND REPAYMENT COSTS TO THE  
2 DIVISION FOR DEPOSIT IN THE FUND.

3 (e) EMPLOYERS SHALL SUBMIT BOND ASSESSMENTS DESCRIBED IN  
4 THIS SUBSECTION (2) ASSOCIATED WITH PRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND  
5 REPAYMENT COSTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE EMPLOYER'S NORMAL  
6 PREMIUMS AND SURCHARGES PAID UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS  
7 TITLE 8, AND THE ASSESSMENTS ARE A LIEN UPON THE REAL AND  
8 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF AN EMPLOYER IN THE MANNER AND TO THE  
9 EXTENT SET FORTH IN SECTION 8-79-103. THE DIVISION MAY DEPOSIT ALL  
10 OR ANY PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS INTO THE FUND. THE PORTION OF  
11 THE ASSESSMENTS DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND CONSTITUTE PART OF EACH  
12 EMPLOYER'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS. BOND  
13 ASSESSMENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) ASSOCIATED WITH  
14 PRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND REPAYMENT COSTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR  
15 PAYMENT FROM TIME TO TIME TO ONE OR MORE SPECIAL ACCOUNTS  
16 CREATED BY AND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ISSUER OF THE BONDS. ALL  
17 MONEY ACCRUING IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR PRINCIPAL-RELATED BOND  
18 REPAYMENT COSTS CAN BE USED BY THE ISSUER OF THE BONDS ONLY TO  
19 PAY THE PRINCIPAL COSTS OF THE BONDS.

20 (3) THE DIVISION SHALL NOT ISSUE ITS BONDS AND NOTES UNTIL  
21 THE MONTHLY BALANCE IN THE FUND IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN  
22 NINE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL WAGES REPORTED BY  
23 RATABLE EMPLOYERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, OR THE MOST RECENT  
24 AVAILABLE FOUR CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS PRIOR TO THE LAST  
25 COMPUTATION DATE, AND THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE TREASURER, AND  
26 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND  
27 EMPLOYMENT HAVE EACH CERTIFIED IN WRITING TO THE DIVISION:

1 (a) THAT OTHER FUNDING ALTERNATIVES TO THE ISSUANCE OF  
2 BONDS AND NOTES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND THAT THE ISSUANCE OF  
3 SUCH BONDS AND NOTES IS THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR THE  
4 DIVISION TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE BALANCES IN THE FUND OR TO REPAY  
5 MONEY ADVANCED TO THE STATE PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1321;

6 (b) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE  
7 BALANCES IN THE FUND OR TO REPAY MONEY ADVANCED TO THE STATE  
8 PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1321, OR BOTH;

9 (c) THE AMOUNT OF BONDS AND NOTES REQUIRED FOR THE  
10 PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

11 (d) THE BOND ASSESSMENT RATE OR RATES, OR A FORMULA OR  
12 OTHER PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING SUCH RATE OR RATES, THAT WILL  
13 PRODUCE AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT, TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER MONEY  
14 AVAILABLE OR EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE, TO PAY ALL COSTS  
15 ASSOCIATED WITH OR OTHERWISE RELATING TO BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED  
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL  
17 OF, AND INTEREST AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, ON, THE BONDS AND NOTES, THE  
18 COSTS OF BOND ISSUANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, AND ANY OTHER  
19 RELATED FEES AND COSTS OF THE DIVISION, AND RESERVES THEREFOR.

20 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-77-103, **add** (3) as  
21 follows:

22 **8-77-103. Advances from federal unemployment trust fund -**  
23 **title XII repayment fund.** (3) (a) THE TITLE XII REPAYMENT FUND,  
24 REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) AS THE "FUND", IS HEREBY CREATED  
25 IN THE STATE TREASURY. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONEY TRANSFERRED BY  
26 THE STATE TREASURER PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-75-227 (3.5) AND ANY  
27 OTHER MONEY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY APPROPRIATE OR



1       TRANSFER TO THE FUND.

2               (b) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND  
3 INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE  
4 FUND TO THE FUND.

5               (c) MONEY IN THE FUND IS CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE  
6 DIVISION TO REPAY FEDERAL ADVANCES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS  
7 SECTION AND ANY INTEREST OWING ON SUCH ADVANCES.

8               (d) THE REPAYMENT OF FEDERAL ADVANCES IS AN ALLOWABLE  
9 USE OF THE MONEY RECEIVED BY THE STATE UNDER THE FEDERAL  
10 "AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021", PUB.L. 117-2, AS SPECIFIED IN  
11 31 CFR 35.6 (b)(3)(ii)(A)(10)(ii).

12              (e) THE DIVISION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE COMPLIANCE,  
13 REPORTING, RECORD-KEEPING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION  
14 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND  
15 BUDGETING AND THE STATE CONTROLLER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION  
16 24-75-226 (5).

17              **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend 8-77-103.5**  
18 as follows:

19              **8-77-103.5. Issuance of unemployment revenue bonds and**  
20 **notes - unemployment bond repayment account - creation.** (1) The  
21 executive director of the department of labor and employment is  
22 authorized to request THE STATE TREASURER, AS ADVISOR TO THE  
23 DIVISION, OR the Colorado housing and finance authority, AS ISSUING  
24 MANAGER, to issue such bonds and notes as are necessary to maintain  
25 adequate balances in the unemployment compensation fund or to repay  
26 ~~moneys~~ MONEY advanced to the state from the federal unemployment  
27 trust fund, or both. Such requests shall be made in accordance with the

1 provisions of section ~~24-36-121~~ OR 29-4-710.7. ~~C.R.S.~~

2 (2) There is hereby created the unemployment bond repayment  
3 account, which shall be credited with bond assessments for  
4 nonprincipal-related bond costs collected on behalf of THE STATE  
5 TREASURER UNDER SECTION 24-36-121 OR the Colorado housing and  
6 finance authority under section 29-4-710.7 ~~C.R.S.~~, or by the division  
7 under section 8-71-103. After the division's costs have been deducted  
8 from the bond repayment account, ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund shall be  
9 paid to the account or accounts maintained by THE STATE TREASURER  
10 UNDER SECTION 24-36-121 OR the Colorado housing and finance authority  
11 under section 29-4-710.7 ~~C.R.S.~~, or by the division with respect to bonds  
12 issued under section 8-71-103.

13 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-77-109, **amend**  
14 (1)(b) and (2)(a) introductory portion as follows:

15 **8-77-109. Employment support fund - employment and**  
16 **training technology fund - created - uses - repeal.** (1) (b) There is  
17 hereby established the employment support fund. This fund consists of  
18 the first ~~0.0011~~ 0.00145 assessed as part of each employer's premium  
19 under section 8-76-102.5 (3)(a).

20 (2) (a) The state treasurer shall credit the ~~moneys~~ MONEY collected  
21 pursuant to this section to the employment support fund created in  
22 subsection (1) of this section; EXCEPT THAT, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY  
23 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING  
24 ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL CREDIT .00035 OF EACH  
25 EMPLOYER'S PREMIUM UNDER SECTION 8-76-102.5 (3)(a) TO THE BENEFIT  
26 RECOVERY FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-73-116, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF  
27 FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR. AT THE END OF THE STATE FISCAL

1 YEAR, ANY MONEY IN THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FUND THAT EXCEEDS  
2 THE TOTAL OF A .0011 ASSESSED AS PART OF EACH EMPLOYER'S PREMIUM  
3 PLUS SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLARS SHALL BE TRANSFERRED BY THE STATE  
4 TREASURER TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN  
5 SECTION 8-77-101 (1). The general assembly shall appropriate the ~~moneys~~  
6 MONEY in the employment support fund annually to the department of  
7 labor and employment:

8 **SECTION 11.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 8-81-101, **amend**  
9 (4)(a)(I) and (4)(a)(II); and **add** (4)(a)(I.5) and (4)(e) as follows:

10 **8-81-101. Penalties.** (4) (a) (I) Any person who has received any  
11 sum as benefits under articles 70 to 82 of this ~~title to which he~~ TITLE 8 TO  
12 WHICH THE PERSON was not entitled ~~shall~~ MAY be required to repay such  
13 amount to the division for the fund. Such sum shall be collected in the  
14 manner provided in section 8-79-102; except that the division may waive  
15 the repayment of an overpayment if the division determines such  
16 repayment to be inequitable. REPAYMENT IS INEQUITABLE WHEN:

17 (A) THE PERSON WHO RECEIVED THE OVERPAYMENT IS RECEIVING  
18 OR HAS RECEIVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS  
19 IN THE TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DIVISION PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE  
20 PERSON OF THE OVERPAYMENT: FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION  
21 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS, TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY  
22 FAMILIES BENEFITS, FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, SOCIAL  
23 SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS, MEANS-TESTED LEGAL AID SERVICES;  
24 BENEFITS FROM THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
25 CREATED IN SECTION 26-2-122.5, FEDERAL OR STATE EARNED INCOME TAX  
26 CREDITS, FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE SCHOOL LUNCH BENEFITS, PUBLIC OR  
27 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING BENEFITS, MEDICAID BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICAL

1 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, ARTICLES 4 TO 6 OF TITLE 25.5, OR MEDICARE  
2 BENEFITS;

3 (B) THE PERSON'S HOUSEHOLD INCOME, EXCLUSIVE OF PUBLIC  
4 ASSISTANCE BENEFITS, DURING THE THREE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE  
5 OVERPAYMENT DETERMINATION, WAS AT OR BELOW FOUR TIMES THE  
6 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES  
7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UNDER THE AUTHORITY  
8 OF 42 U.S.C. SEC. 9902 (2);

9 (C) THE PERSON NEEDS MUCH OF THE PERSON'S CURRENT INCOME  
10 TO MEET ORDINARY AND NECESSARY LIVING EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES,  
11 INCLUDING HOUSING, FOOD, SCHOOL LOANS, CHILD CARE, OUTSTANDING  
12 LOAN AND CREDIT CARD BALANCES, TRANSPORTATION, AND MEDICAL  
13 EXPENSES;

14 (D) DUE TO THE NOTICE THAT THE BENEFIT PAYMENT WOULD BE  
15 MADE OR BECAUSE OF THE INCORRECT PAYMENT THE PERSON EITHER  
16 RELINQUISHED A VALUABLE RIGHT OR CHANGED POSITIONS FOR THE  
17 WORSE, INCLUDING IF: THE PERSON INCURRED A FINANCIAL OBLIGATION,  
18 SUCH AS A LEASE, BASED ON BENEFIT PAYMENTS THAT THE PERSON  
19 RECEIVED; THE PERSON RELIED ON THE BENEFIT PAYMENT AND TOOK OUT  
20 A LOAN, IN WHICH THE PERSON HAS ALREADY INVESTED THE BENEFIT  
21 PAYMENT RECEIVED AND REPAYMENT OF THE OVERPAYMENT WILL CAUSE  
22 THE PERSON TO DEFAULT ON THE LOAN, RESULTING IN CRIMINAL OR CIVIL  
23 ACTIONS; OR THE PERSON DECLINED OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
24 BECAUSE THE PERSON RECEIVED BENEFITS UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF  
25 THIS TITLE 8 AND THOUGHT THE PERSON WOULD NOT NEED ADDITIONAL  
26 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER SOURCES;

27 (E) THE OVERPAYMENT WAS CAUSED, AT LEAST IN PART, BY AN

1 ERROR BY THE DIVISION OR BY THE PERSON'S RELIANCE ON THE DIVISION'S  
2 PUBLICIZED INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE THAT WAS LATER DETERMINED  
3 TO BE ERRONEOUS; OR

4 (F) ANY OTHER REASON THE DIVISION FINDS SUFFICIENT TO  
5 ESTABLISH THAT REPAYMENT WOULD BE INEQUITABLE.

6 (I.5) THE DIVISION SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, REVIEW AND  
7 WAIVE THE REPAYMENT OF AN OVERPAYMENT AT THE TIME THE  
8 OVERPAYMENT IS DETERMINED IF THE DIVISION HAS SUFFICIENT  
9 INFORMATION TO DETERMINE THAT THE REPAYMENT WOULD BE  
10 INEQUITABLE. IF THE DIVISION DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION  
11 IN ITS POSSESSION TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION, THE DIVISION SHALL  
12 NOTIFY THE PERSON OF THE RIGHT TO REQUEST A WAIVER OF THE  
13 OVERPAYMENT AND THE PROCESS FOR SUCH A REQUEST. THE DIVISION  
14 SHALL ACCEPT COPIES OF RELEVANT BILLS, RECEIPTS, AWARD LETTERS,  
15 BANK STATEMENTS, AND ALL OTHER REASONABLE FORMS OF PROOF THAT  
16 REPAYMENT WOULD BE INEQUITABLE. IF A PERSON CANNOT PROVIDE  
17 DOCUMENTATION, THE DIVISION SHALL ACCEPT AS SUFFICIENT PROOF A  
18 WRITTEN STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE PERSON SEEKING TO WAIVE THE  
19 OVERPAYMENT ATTESTING TO THE FACTS AT ISSUE.

20 (II) (A) If any person receives an overpayment because of ~~his or~~  
21 ~~her~~ THE PERSON'S false representation or willful failure to disclose a  
22 material fact, inequity must not be a consideration in any civil,  
23 administrative, or criminal action, and the person shall pay to the division  
24 the total amount of the overpayment plus a sixty-five percent monetary  
25 penalty. Of the monetary penalty, the division shall pay twenty-three  
26 percent into the unemployment compensation fund, created in section  
27 8-77-101, and the remainder into the unemployment revenue fund,

1 created in section 8-77-106. In addition, the person may be denied  
2 benefits, when otherwise eligible, for a four-week period for each  
3 one-week period in which the person filed claims for or received benefits  
4 to which ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON was not entitled. The provisions of section  
5 13-80-108 (9) ~~C.R.S.~~, shall be used for determining when an offense is  
6 committed for the purposes of this ~~subparagraph (H)~~ SUBSECTION  
7 (4)(a)(II). FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (4)(a)(II), A PERSON HAS  
8 NOT RECEIVED AN OVERPAYMENT BECAUSE OF THE PERSON'S FALSE  
9 REPRESENTATION OR WILLFUL FAILURE TO DISCLOSE A MATERIAL FACT IF:  
10 THE PERSON PROVIDED ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DIVISION  
11 CORRECTLY, BUT THE DIVISION FAILED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION  
12 WITH THAT INFORMATION OR TOOK DELAYED ACTION WHEN DETERMINING  
13 OR REDETERMINING ELIGIBILITY; THE PERSON PROVIDED INCORRECT  
14 INFORMATION DUE TO CONFLICTING, CHANGING, OR CONFUSING  
15 INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DIVISION; THE PERSON WAS  
16 UNABLE TO REACH THE DIVISION DESPITE THE PERSON'S BEST EFFORTS TO  
17 INQUIRE OR CLARIFY WHAT INFORMATION THE PERSON NEEDED TO  
18 PROVIDE, OR EXPERIENCED OTHER SIMILAR BARRIERS, INCLUDING THAT IT  
19 WAS THE PERSON'S FIRST TIME APPLYING FOR OR RECEIVING  
20 UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, OR THE PERSON EXPERIENCED LANGUAGE,  
21 EDUCATION, OR LITERACY BARRIERS; OR THE PERSON'S EMPLOYER  
22 PROVIDED THE PERSON WITH INCORRECT OR UNTIMELY INFORMATION OR  
23 DID NOT TIMELY REPORT FACTS.

24 (e) THE DIVISION SHALL NOT ATTEMPT TO RECOVER AN  
25 OVERPAYMENT UNTIL THERE IS A FINAL DETERMINATION THAT THE DEBT  
26 IS IN FACT OWED AND ALL APPEALS ARE EXHAUSTED. THE DIVISION SHALL  
27 NOT ATTEMPT TO RECOVER AN OVERPAYMENT WHEN THERE IS A PENDING

1 WAIVER APPLICATION UNTIL THERE IS A FINAL DETERMINATION THAT THE  
2 PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A WAIVER AND ALL APPEALS ARE  
3 EXHAUSTED.

4 **SECTION 12.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-227, **add**  
5 (3.5) as follows:

6 **24-75-227. Revenue loss restoration cash fund - creation -**  
7 **allowable uses - definitions - repeal.** (3.5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY  
8 PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY, NO LATER THAN THREE  
9 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (3.5), THE STATE  
10 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE  
11 REVENUE LOSS RESTORATION CASH FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF  
12 THIS SECTION TO THE TITLE XII REPAYMENT FUND CREATED IN SECTION  
13 8-77-103 (3)(a).

14 **SECTION 13. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
15 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.