

SB 702 -- UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS

Currently, when an individual or employer repays the state for overpayment of unemployment compensation benefits, payments made toward the penalty amount due are credited to the Special Employment Security Fund. This bill requires 15% of the total amount of benefits fraudulently obtained to be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Fund and the remaining penalty amount to be credited to the Special Employment Security Fund.

Additionally, this bill states that taxicab drivers shall not be considered employees of the company that leases taxicabs to the drivers or that provides dispatching or rider referral services unless the driver is shown to be an employee of the taxicab company by application of the IRS 20-factor right-to-control test.