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AN ACT

To amend chapter 288, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to employment security benefits, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 288, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 288.552, to read as follows:

288.552. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department of labor and industrial relations shall not recover or attempt to recover any employment security benefits that were incorrectly but nonfraudulently distributed to claimants if such employment security benefits were directly funded by moneys received by the state of Missouri from the United States government under:

(1) The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Pub. L. 116-136; or

(2) Any subsequent federal legislation or program designed, in whole or in part, to provide employment security relief;

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provided that, the United States government grants the state of Missouri the authority to waive the recovery of such incorrectly but nonfraudulently distributed benefits.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the financial welfare of the residents of this state, this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 288.552 of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.