

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

### S 0531 General Bill, By Alexander

#### *Similar (H 3751)*

#### **Summary:** Department of Employment and Workforce

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 41 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND LIABILITIES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-41-45 TO PROVIDE FOR A MANDATORY PENALTY ON FRAUDULENT OVERPAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMPENSATION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 35, TITLE 41, RELATING TO BENEFITS AND CLAIMS, BY ADDING SECTION 41-35-135 TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE CHARGE BENEFITS TO AN EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT WHEN IT DETERMINES THAT THE OVERPAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO A CLAIMANT AND THE OVERPAYMENT OCCURRED BECAUSE THE EMPLOYER WAS AT FAULT FOR FAILING TO RESPOND TIMELY OR ADEQUATELY TO A WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO AN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIM, AND THE EMPLOYER EXHIBITS A PATTERN OF FAILURE TO TIMELY OR ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS ON THREE OR MORE OCCASIONS WITHIN A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 43-5-598, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "NEW HIRE", TO PROVIDE THAT A NEW HIRE INCLUDES A REHIRED EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN SEPARATED FROM PRIOR EMPLOYMENT FOR AT LEAST SIXTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

**03/14/13 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 4)**

**03/14/13 Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 4)**

**04/30/13 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 20)**

**05/01/13 Scrivener's error corrected**