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S.B. No. 143

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring the Texas Workforce Commission to provide
3 certain information regarding the federal Patient Protection and
4 Affordable Care Act to claimants for unemployment compensation
5 benefits.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Section 208.001, Labor Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

9 (c) As soon as practicable after an individual files an
10 initial claim for benefits, the commission shall provide to the
11 individual a written notice containing general information about
12 eligibility and enrollment for health care insurance coverage under
13 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Pub. L.
14 No. 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education
15 Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. No. 111-152). The commission
16 shall adopt rules for the form and content of the notice provided
17 under this subsection.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
19 to an initial claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed
20 with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date
21 of this Act. An initial claim filed before the effective date of
22 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the claim was
23 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.