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H.B. No. 1490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to initial claims under the unemployment compensation  
3 system.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 208.002, Labor Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 208.002. [~~NOTICE OF~~] INITIAL CLAIM; LAST WORK. (a)  
8 When used in connection with an initial claim, "last work" and  
9 "person for whom the claimant last worked" refer to:

10 (1) the last person for whom the claimant actually  
11 worked, if the claimant worked for that person in six or more  
12 consecutive weeks and was paid wages by that person equal to at  
13 least six times the claimant's weekly benefit amount; or

14 (2) the employer, as defined by Subchapter C, Chapter  
15 201, or by the unemployment law of any other state, for whom the  
16 claimant last worked.

17 (b) The commission shall mail a notice of the filing of an  
18 initial claim to the person for whom the claimant last worked before  
19 the effective date of the initial claim. If the person for whom the  
20 claimant last worked has more than one branch or division operating  
21 at different locations, the commission shall mail the notice to the  
22 branch or division at which the claimant last worked.

23 (c) [~~(b)~~] Mailing of a notice under this section to the  
24 correct address of the person, branch, or division for which the

1 claimant last worked constitutes notice of the claim to the person.

2 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
3 a claim for unemployment compensation benefits that is filed with  
4 the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of  
5 this Act. A claim filed before that date is governed by the law in  
6 effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is  
7 continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.