

Amend **CSHB 1831** (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 1 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE as appropriate:

SECTION 1.___. Subchapter B, Chapter 207, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 207.0212 to read as follows:

Sec. 207.0212. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN PERSONS UNEMPLOYED BECAUSE OF DISASTER. (a) In this section, "disaster unemployment assistance benefits" means benefits authorized under Section 410, Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Section 5177), and rules adopted under that section.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 207.021, the governor, by executive order, may suspend the waiting period requirement imposed under Section 207.021(a)(7) to authorize an individual to receive benefits for that waiting period if the individual:

(1) is unemployed as a direct result of a natural disaster that results in a disaster declaration by the president of the United States under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Section 5121 et seq.);

(2) is otherwise eligible for unemployment compensation benefits under this subtitle; and

(3) is not receiving disaster unemployment assistance benefits for the period included in that waiting period.

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 6 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE as appropriate:

SECTION 6.___. The change in law made by SECTION 1.___ of this Act applies only to a claim for unemployment compensation benefits that is filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim filed before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date that the claim was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.