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S.B. No. 859

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to initial claims under the unemployment compensation system.

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

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

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

(1) the last person for whom the claimant actually worked, if the claimant worked for that person for at least 30 hours during a week; or

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

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

(c) [~~(b)~~] Mailing of a notice under this section to the correct address of the person, branch, or division for which the claimant last worked constitutes notice of the claim to the person.

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

7           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.