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S.B. No. 576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an individual's eligibility to receive unemployment compensation benefits on the individual's waiting period claim.

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

SECTION 1. Section 207.021(c), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual is eligible to receive benefits on the individual's waiting period claim in accordance with this subtitle if the individual:

(1) ~~who~~ has been totally or partially unemployed for at least seven consecutive days and has returned to full-time employment; or

(2) has exhausted the individual's regular benefits for the current benefit year, other than benefits applicable to the waiting period ~~[paid benefits in the individual's current benefit year equal to or exceeding three times the individual's benefit amount is eligible to receive benefits on the individual's waiting period claim in accordance with this subtitle].~~

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and

1 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.