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S.B. No. 255

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to liability for obtaining unemployment compensation benefits paid in error.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 214, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 214.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 214.0025. LIABILITY FOR OBTAINING BENEFITS PAID IN ERROR. A person who has received benefits to which the person was not entitled that were paid to the person solely due to commission error is not liable for the amount of those benefits. The commission may not seek to recover the amount of those benefits from the person.

SECTION 2. Section 214.0025, Labor Code, as added by this Act, applies to benefits paid before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.