

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1801
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; March 26, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources &
 1-4 Economic Development; April 23, 2021, reported adversely, with
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-6 Nays 0; April 23, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1801 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to improper unemployment compensation benefits refunded
 1-22 by a claimant to the Texas Workforce Commission.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 212.006, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-26 (c) The commission shall accept payment for benefits
 1-27 refunded by a claimant under Subsection (a)(1) by personal check,
 1-28 cashier's check, money order, debit card, electronic check, or
 1-29 electronic funds transfer. The commission shall accept payment
 1-30 through the mail and by Internet, as applicable. The commission may
 1-31 adopt rules to accept forms of payment not listed in this
 1-32 subsection.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 214.002, Labor Code, is amended by
 1-34 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-35 follows:

1-36 (a) A person who has received improper benefits is liable
 1-37 for the amount of the improper benefits. The commission may recover
 1-38 improper benefits by:

1-39 (1) deducting the amount of the improper benefits from
 1-40 any future benefits payable to the person; ~~or~~

1-41 (2) collecting a refund from a claimant; or

1-42 (3) collecting the amount of the improper benefits for
 1-43 the compensation fund in the same manner provided by Sections
 1-44 213.031, 213.032, 213.033, 213.035, and 213.051 for the collection
 1-45 of past due contributions.

1-46 (c) The commission shall accept payment for benefits
 1-47 refunded by a claimant under Subsection (a)(2) by personal check,
 1-48 cashier's check, money order, debit card, electronic check, or
 1-49 electronic funds transfer. The commission shall accept payment
 1-50 through the mail and by Internet, as applicable. The commission may
 1-51 adopt rules to accept forms of payment not listed in this
 1-52 subsection.

1-53 SECTION 3. Sections 212.006(c) and 214.002(c), Labor Code,
 1-54 as added by this Act, apply to improper unemployment compensation
 1-55 benefits refunded by a claimant to the Texas Workforce Commission
 1-56 on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-57 SECTION 4. Section 214.002(a), Labor Code, as amended by

2-1 this Act, applies only to improper benefits obtained on or after the
2-2 effective date of this Act.

2-3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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