

1 **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AMENDMENTS**

2 2020 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner**

5 House Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies provisions of Title 35A, Chapter 4, Employment Security Act.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ authorizes the Department of Workforce Services to waive the one-week waiting
13 period for unemployment benefits and provide an unemployed individual with a
14 benefit for that week if:

- 15 • a state of emergency has been declared by the president of the United States or
16 the governor; or
- 17 • the federal government has agreed to pay for the benefit.

18 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 This bill provides a special effective date.

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 ENACTS:

24 **35A-4-403.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

27 Section 1. Section **35A-4-403.5** is enacted to read:

28 **35A-4-403.5. Waiver of one-week waiting period during emergency.**

29 For any week beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the department may waive the

30 one-week waiting period described in Subsection [35A-4-403](#)(1)(d) and pay a benefit to an
31 unemployed individual for that week if:

32 (1) the unemployed individual otherwise qualifies for a benefit for that week; and

33 (2) (a) the president of the United States has issued an order declaring a national
34 emergency that is effective in the state during that week;

35 (b) the governor has issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency as
36 described in Title 53, Chapter 2a, Emergency Management Act, that is effective during that
37 week; or

38 (c) the federal government has agreed to reimburse the department for the cost of
39 paying the benefit for that week.

40 **Section 2. Effective date.**

41 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
42 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
43 Constitution, Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
44 the date of veto override.