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S. 4275

To require recipients of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to provide employment documentation, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ENZI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pandemic Unemploy-
5 ment Assistance Integrity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102(a) of the Relief for
8 Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in sub-
9 title A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public
10 Law 116–136)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

3 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
4 the end; and

5 (ii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
6 following:

7 “(iii) provides documentation substan-
8 tiating employment or self-employment or
9 the planned commencement of employment
10 or self-employment not later than 21 days
11 after the date on which the individual sub-
12 mits an application for assistance under
13 this section or is directed by the State
14 Agency to submit such documentation or
15 has shown good cause under the applicable
16 State law for failing to submit such docu-
17 mentation by the deadline, in accordance
18 with section 625.6(e) of title 20, Code of
19 Federal Regulations, or any successor
20 thereto, except that such documentation
21 shall not be required if the individual pre-
22 viously submitted such information to the
23 State agency for the purpose of obtaining
24 regular or other unemployment compensa-
25 tion; and”;

1 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (i) in clause (i), by striking “or” at
3 the end;

4 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
5 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

6 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(iii) in accordance with section
9 625.6(e)(2) of title 20, Code of Federal
10 Regulations, or any successor thereto, an
11 individual who does not provide docu-
12 mentation substantiating employment or
13 self-employment or the planned commence-
14 ment of employment or self-employment
15 under subparagraph (A)(iii).”;

16 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
17 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

18 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(4) DOCUMENTATION SUBSTANTIATING EM-
21 PLOYMENT OR SELF-EMPLOYMENT OR THE
22 PLANNED COMMENCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OR
23 SELF-EMPLOYMENT.—The term ‘documentation sub-
24 stantiating employment or self-employment or the
25 planned commencement of employment or self-em-

1 employment’ means documentation provided by the in-
2 dividual substantiating employment or self-employ-
3 ment and wages earned or paid for such employment
4 or self-employment, or such information related to
5 the planned commencement of employment or self-
6 employment.”.

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 30
9 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each
10 State shall require that documentation substan-
11 tiating employment or self-employment or the
12 planned commencement of employment or self-em-
13 ployment (as defined in section 2102 of the Relief
14 for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained
15 in subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES
16 Act (Public Law 116–136)) be submitted by any in-
17 dividual who applies for pandemic unemployment as-
18 sistance under section 2102 of the Relief for Work-
19 ers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in sub-
20 title A of title II of division A of the CARES Act
21 (Public Law 116–136)) on or after the date of en-
22 actment of this Act.

23 (2) PRIOR APPLICANTS.—Any individual who
24 applied for pandemic unemployment assistance
25 under section 2102 of the Relief for Workers Af-

1 fected by Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of
2 title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law
3 116–136)) before the date of enactment of this Act
4 and receives such assistance on or after the date of
5 enactment of this Act shall submit documentation
6 substantiating employment or self-employment or
7 the planned commencement of employment or self-
8 employment (as defined in such section 2102) not
9 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of
10 this Act or the individual will be ineligible to receive
11 pandemic unemployment assistance under such sec-
12 tion 2102.

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