

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1156

AN ACT

To amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pandemic Unemploy-
3 ment Fraud Enforcement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR**
5 **FRAUD BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER CERTAIN UN-**
6 **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.**

7 (a) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—Sec-
8 tion 2102 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
11 section (i); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(h) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
16 provision of law and subject to paragraph (2), any
17 criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action for
18 a violation of, or conspiracy to violate, section 371,
19 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956,
20 or 1957 of title 18, United States Code, or section
21 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with
22 respect to any unemployment compensation claim
23 funded in whole or in part by pandemic unemploy-
24 ment assistance under this section shall be brought
25 not later than 10 years after the date of the viola-
26 tion or conspiracy.

1 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
2 apply with respect to a criminal prosecution or civil
3 enforcement action if the statute of limitations appli-
4 cable to such criminal prosecution or civil enforce-
5 ment action expired prior to the date of enactment
6 of the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement
7 Act.”.

8 (b) FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
9 PENSATION AND MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
10 PENSATION.—Section 2104(f) of the CARES Act (15
11 U.S.C. 9023(f)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(5) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
15 other provision of law and subject to subpara-
16 graph (B), any criminal prosecution or civil en-
17 forcement action for a violation of, or con-
18 spiracy to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A,
19 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957
20 of title 18, United States Code, or section 3729
21 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with
22 respect to any unemployment compensation
23 claim funded in whole or in part by Federal
24 Pandemic Unemployment Compensation or
25 Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation

1 under this section shall be brought not later
2 than 10 years after the date of the violation or
3 conspiracy.

4 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)
5 shall not apply with respect to a criminal pros-
6 ecution or civil enforcement action if the statute
7 of limitations applicable to such criminal pros-
8 ecution or civil enforcement action expired prior
9 to the date of enactment of the Pandemic Un-
10 employment Fraud Enforcement Act.”.

11 (c) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COM-
12 PENSATION.—Section 2107(e) of the CARES Act (15
13 U.S.C. 9025(e)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
14 lowing new paragraph:

15 “(5) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
17 other provision of law and subject to subpara-
18 graph (B), any criminal prosecution or civil en-
19 forcement action for a violation of, or con-
20 spiracy to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A,
21 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957
22 of title 18, United States Code, or section 3729
23 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with
24 respect to any unemployment compensation
25 claim funded in whole or in part by Pandemic

1 Emergency Unemployment Compensation under
2 this section shall be brought not later than 10
3 years after the date of the violation or con-
4 spiracy.

5 “(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A)
6 shall not apply with respect to a criminal pros-
7 ecution or civil enforcement action if the statute
8 of limitations applicable to such criminal pros-
9 ecution or civil enforcement action expired prior
10 to the date of enactment of the Pandemic Un-
11 employment Fraud Enforcement Act.”.

12 **SEC. 3. BUDGET OFFSET.**

13 Out of the unobligated balances of amounts made
14 available by section 2118(a) of title II of division A of
15 Public Law 116-136, as added by section 9032 of Public
16 Law 117-2, \$5,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

17 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
19 on the date of enactment of this Act.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 11,
2025.

Attest:

Clerk.

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