

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937  
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of  
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the  
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly  
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)  
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to  
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay  
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the  
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;  
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the  
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions  
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for  
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;  
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State  
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," in determination of  
16 compensation, appeals, reviews and procedure, further  
17 providing for determination of compensation appeals and for  
18 decision of referee and further appeals and reviews.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 Section 1. Section 501(e) of the act of December 5, 1936  
22 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment  
23 Compensation Law, amended April 14, 1976 (P.L.113, No.50), is  
24 amended to read:

25 Section 501. Determination of Compensation Appeals.--\* \* \*

26 (e) Unless the claimant or last employer or base-year

1 employer of the claimant files an appeal with the board, from  
2 the determination contained in any notice required to be  
3 furnished by the department under section five hundred and one  
4 (a), (c) and (d), within [fifteen] thirty calendar days after  
5 such notice was delivered to him personally, or was mailed to  
6 his last known post office address, and applies for a hearing,  
7 such determination of the department, with respect to the  
8 particular facts set forth in such notice, shall be final and  
9 compensation shall be paid or denied in accordance therewith.

10 Section 2. Section 502 of the act, amended December 9, 2002  
11 (P.L.1336, No.158), is amended to read:

12 Section 502. Decision of Referee; Further Appeals and  
13 Reviews.--Where an appeal from the determination or revised  
14 determination, as the case may be, of the department is taken, a  
15 referee shall, after affording the parties and the department  
16 reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, affirm, modify, or  
17 reverse such findings of fact and the determination or revised  
18 determination, as the case may be, of the department as to him  
19 shall appear just and proper. The parties and their attorneys or  
20 other representatives of record and the department shall be duly  
21 notified of the time and place of a referee's hearing and of the  
22 referee's decision, and the reasons therefor, which shall be  
23 deemed the final decision of the board, unless an appeal is  
24 filed therefrom, within [fifteen] thirty days after the date of  
25 such decision the board acts on its own motion, to review the  
26 decision of the referee. A memorandum of testimony of any  
27 hearing before any referee shall be made and be preserved for a  
28 period of ninety days following expiration of the period for  
29 filing an appeal from the final decision rendered in the case.

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.