

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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 compensation,  
16 providing for compensation during quarantine or isolation.

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. The act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937  
20 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, is  
21 amended by adding a section to read:

22 Section 401.1. Compensation During Quarantine or  
23 Isolation.--(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
24 act, an employe required by government order or a medical

1 practitioner to participate in a quarantine or isolation under  
2 the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the  
3 "Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955," shall be eligible  
4 for unemployment compensation beginning on the first day of the  
5 quarantine or isolation and for the duration of the quarantine  
6 or isolation unless the following apply:

7 (1) the employe receives regular wages and compensation from  
8 an employer for the duration of quarantine or isolation; or

9 (2) the employe is eligible to use sick leave or other paid  
10 leave or compensation provided by an employer for the duration  
11 of quarantine or isolation.

12 (b) The employe shall submit all necessary medical documents  
13 or orders to the department and employer prior to receiving  
14 benefits.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.