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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 administration of  
16 act, providing for requirements for delivery system for  
17 unemployment compensation benefits.

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

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

23 Section 201.1. Requirements for Delivery System for  
24 Unemployment Compensation Benefits.--(a) The delivery system  
25 for unemployment compensation benefits shall include multifactor

1 authentication to verify claimants.

2 (b) Within 180 days from the effective date of this  
3 subsection, the department shall provide a report to the General  
4 Assembly that includes the following:

5 (1) updates on the implementation of multifactor  
6 authentication and ongoing risk mitigation measures;

7 (2) information relating to the amount of money stolen by  
8 hackers, including the number of claimants affected; and

9 (3) any other information that the department deems  
10 relevant.

11 (c) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless  
13 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Multifactor authentication." A process that requires a user  
15 to provide two or more verification factors to gain access to a  
16 resource such as an online account. The factors may include, but  
17 are not limited to:

18 (1) personal security questions;

19 (2) one-time passwords sent via email or text; or

20 (3) in-person verification, for those without technological  
21 means.

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