

**House File 473 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the collection of unemployment benefit  
2 payments and including effective date and retroactive  
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. COLLECTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PAYMENTS —  
2 DISASTER EMERGENCY. Notwithstanding section 96.3, subsection  
3 7, and section 96.3, subsection 10, paragraph "d", the  
4 department of workforce development shall not pursue the  
5 recovery of any overpayments of unemployment insurance benefits  
6 made to any individual who received such benefits to which the  
7 individual was not entitled without fault on the part of the  
8 individual if such benefits were paid during the period of a  
9 declaration of disaster emergency by the governor pursuant to  
10 section 29C.6 pertaining to COVID-19 as defined in section  
11 686D.2.

12 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
13 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies  
15 retroactively to unemployment benefits received on or after  
16 March 8, 2020.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill prohibits the department of workforce development  
21 from pursuing the recovery of any overpayments of unemployment  
22 insurance benefits made to any individual who received such  
23 benefits to which the individual was not entitled without  
24 fault on the part of the individual if such benefits were paid  
25 during the period of a declaration of disaster emergency by the  
26 governor pertaining to COVID-19.

27 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies  
28 retroactively to unemployment benefits received on or after  
29 March 8, 2020.