



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 347**

LCO No. 1276



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR FELONY  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FRAUD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 31-273 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2026*):

4 (f) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or  
5 representation or fails to disclose a material fact in order to obtain,  
6 increase, prevent or decrease any benefit, contribution or other payment  
7 under this chapter, or under any similar law of another state or of the  
8 United States in regard to which this state acted as agent pursuant to an  
9 agreement authorized by section 31-225, whether to be made to or by  
10 [himself or herself] such person or any other person, and who receives  
11 any such benefit, pays any such contribution or alters any such payment  
12 to [his or her] such person's advantage by such fraudulent means (1)  
13 shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor if such benefit, contribution or  
14 payment amounts to [five hundred] two thousand dollars or less, or (2)  
15 shall be guilty of a class D felony if such benefit, contribution or

16 payment amounts to more than [five hundred] two thousand dollars.  
17 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 54-193, no person shall be  
18 prosecuted for a violation of the provisions of this subsection committed  
19 on or after October 1, 1977, except within five years next after such  
20 violation has been committed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	31-273(f)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the threshold dollar amount for an individual to become guilty of a felony for receiving unemployment benefits by fraudulent means.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*