



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 354**

LCO No. 2014



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION IN THE LABOR DEPARTMENT.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal year ending June 30,  
2 2027, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Labor Commissioner shall  
3 employ not fewer than \_\_\_\_ employees at the Unemployment Insurance  
4 Benefits Division within the Labor Department for the purpose of  
5 processing and administering unemployment benefit claims.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the number of staff at the Unemployment Insurance Benefits Division in the Labor Department.

*[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.]*