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By Senators Schow, Heavey and Winsley; by request of Employment Security Department

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1 AN ACT Relating to application for initial determination for
2 unemployment insurance benefits; and amending RCW 50.20.140.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 50.20.140 and 1951 c 215 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 An application for initial determination, a claim for waiting
7 period, or a claim for benefits shall be filed in accordance with such
8 ((regulations)) rules as the commissioner may prescribe. An
9 application for an initial determination may be made by any individual
10 whether unemployed or not. Each employer shall post and maintain
11 printed statements of such ((regulations)) rules in places readily
12 accessible to individuals in his or her employment and shall make
13 available to each such individual at the time he or she becomes
14 unemployed, a printed statement of such ((regulations)) rules and such
15 notices, instructions, and other material as the commissioner may by
16 ((regulation)) rule prescribe. Such printed material shall be supplied
17 by the commissioner to each employer without cost to ((him)) the
18 employer.

1 The term "application for initial determination" shall mean a
2 request in writing, or by other means as determined by the
3 commissioner, for an initial determination. The term "claim for
4 waiting period" shall mean a certification, after the close of a given
5 week, that the requirements stated herein for eligibility for waiting
6 period have been met. The term "claim for benefits" shall mean a
7 certification, after the close of a given week, that the requirements
8 stated herein for eligibility for receipt of benefits have been met.

9 A representative designated by the commissioner shall take the
10 application for initial determination and for the claim for waiting
11 period credits or for benefits. When an application for initial
12 determination has been made, the employment security department shall
13 promptly make an initial determination which shall be a statement of
14 the applicant's base year wages, his or her weekly benefit amount, his
15 or her maximum amount of benefits potentially payable, and his or her
16 benefit year. Such determination shall fix the general conditions
17 under which waiting period credit shall be granted and under which
18 benefits shall be paid during any period of unemployment occurring
19 within the benefit year fixed by such determination.

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