



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5919/1
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2019 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 108.04 (3); and *to create* 108.02 (23c) and
2 108.04 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** suspension of the waiting period for
3 collection of unemployment insurance benefits.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, a claimant must wait one week after becoming eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits before the claimant may receive benefits for a week of unemployment. The waiting period does not affect the maximum number of weeks of a claimant's benefit eligibility.

This bill allows the secretary of workforce development to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period for up to 52 weeks during a declared state of emergency as is needed to address the state of emergency. The bill also specifically requires the secretary to suspend the application of the one-week waiting period retroactively for benefit years that began on March 15, 2020, so as to apply to the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by executive order 72.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 108.02 (23c) of the statutes is created to read:

