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ARTICLE 8

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL; POLICY

91.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.035, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

91.10 Subd. 12. **Covered employment.** (a) "Covered employment" means ~~the following unless~~
91.11 ~~excluded as "noncovered employment" under subdivision 20:~~

91.12 ~~(+)~~ an employee's entire employment during the calendar quarter if:

91.13 ~~(+)~~ (1) 50 percent or more of the employment during the quarter is performed primarily
91.14 in Minnesota;

91.15 ~~(ii)~~ (2) 50 percent or more of the employment during the quarter is not performed
91.16 primarily in Minnesota or any other state, or Canada, but some of the employment is
91.17 performed in Minnesota and the base of operations or the place from which the employment
91.18 is directed or controlled is in Minnesota; or

91.19 ~~(iii) the employment during the quarter is not performed primarily in Minnesota or any~~
91.20 ~~other state and the base of operations or place from which the employment is directed or~~
91.21 ~~controlled is not in any state where part of the employment is performed, but the employee's~~
91.22 ~~residence is in Minnesota during 50 percent or more of the calendar quarter;~~

91.23 ~~(2) an employee's entire employment during the calendar quarter performed within the~~
91.24 ~~United States or Canada, if:~~

91.25 ~~(i) the employment is not covered employment under the unemployment insurance~~
91.26 ~~program of any other state, federal law, or the law of Canada; and~~

91.27 ~~(ii) the place from which the employment is directed or controlled is in Minnesota;~~

91.28 (3) the employment during the calendar quarter, is performed entirely outside the United
91.29 States and Canada, by an employee who is a United States citizen in the employ of an
91.30 American employer, if the employer's principal place of business in the United States is
91.31 located in Minnesota. For the purposes of this clause, an "American employer," for the
92.1 purposes of this clause, means a corporation organized under the laws of any state, an
92.2 individual who is a resident of the United States, or a partnership if two thirds or more of
92.3 the partners are residents of the United States, or a trust, if all of the trustees are residents
92.4 of the United States is as defined under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, United States
92.5 Code title 26, chapter 23, section 3306, subsection (j)(3); and

92.6 (4) ~~all the employment during the calendar quarter is performed by an officer or member~~
 92.7 ~~of the crew of an American vessel on or in connection with the vessel, if the operating on~~
 92.8 ~~navigable waters within, or within and without, the United States, and the office from which~~
 92.9 ~~the operations of the vessel operating on navigable waters within, or within and without,~~
 92.10 ~~the United States are ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed, and controlled~~
 92.11 ~~is in Minnesota.~~

92.12 (b) "Covered employment" includes covered agricultural employment under subdivision
 92.13 11.

92.14 (c) For the purposes of section 268.095, "covered employment" includes employment
 92.15 covered under an unemployment insurance program:

92.16 (1) of any other state; ~~or~~

92.17 (2) established by an act of Congress; or

92.18 (3) the law of Canada.

92.19 (d) The percentage of employment performed under paragraph (a) is determined by the
 92.20 amount of hours worked.

92.21 (e) Covered employment does not include any employment defined as "noncovered
 92.22 employment" under subdivision 20.

92.23 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.035, subdivision 20, is amended
 92.24 to read:

92.25 Subd. 20. **Noncovered employment.** "Noncovered employment" means:

92.26 (1) employment for the United States government or an instrumentality thereof, including
 92.27 military service;

92.28 (2) employment for a state, other than Minnesota, or a political subdivision or
 92.29 instrumentality thereof;

92.30 (3) employment for a foreign government;

92.31 (4) employment covered under the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act;

- 93.1 (5) employment for a church or convention or association of churches, or a nonprofit
93.2 organization operated primarily for religious purposes that is operated, supervised, controlled,
93.3 or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches;
- 93.4 (6) employment for an elementary or secondary school with a curriculum that includes
93.5 religious education that is operated by a church, a convention or association of churches,
93.6 or a nonprofit organization that is operated, supervised, controlled, or principally supported
93.7 by a church or convention or association of churches;
- 93.8 (7) employment for Minnesota or a political subdivision, or a nonprofit organization, of
93.9 a duly ordained or licensed minister of a church in the exercise of a ministry or by a member
93.10 of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by the order;
- 93.11 (8) employment for Minnesota or a political subdivision, or a nonprofit organization, of
93.12 an individual receiving rehabilitation of "sheltered" work in a facility conducted for the
93.13 purpose of carrying out a program of rehabilitation for individuals whose earning capacity
93.14 is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency or injury or a program providing
93.15 "sheltered" work for individuals who because of an impaired physical or mental capacity
93.16 cannot be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market. This clause applies only to
93.17 services performed in a facility certified by the Rehabilitation Services Branch of the
93.18 department or in a day training or habilitation program licensed by the Department of Human
93.19 Services;
- 93.20 (9) employment for Minnesota or a political subdivision, or a nonprofit organization, of
93.21 an individual receiving work relief or work training as part of an unemployment work relief
93.22 or work training program financed in whole or in part by any federal agency or an agency
93.23 of a state or political subdivision thereof. This clause does not apply to programs that require
93.24 unemployment benefit coverage for the participants;
- 93.25 (10) employment for Minnesota or a political subdivision, as an elected official, a member
93.26 of a legislative body, or a member of the judiciary;
- 93.27 (11) employment as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or Air National Guard;
- 93.28 (12) employment for Minnesota or a political subdivision, or instrumentality thereof, of
93.29 an individual serving on a temporary basis in case of fire, flood, tornado, or similar
93.30 emergency;
- 93.31 (13) employment as an election official or election worker for Minnesota or a political
93.32 subdivision, if the compensation for that employment was less than \$1,000 in a calendar
93.33 year;

- 94.1 (14) employment for Minnesota that is a major policy-making or advisory position in
94.2 the unclassified service;
- 94.3 (15) employment for Minnesota in an unclassified position established under section
94.4 43A.08, subdivision 1a;
- 94.5 (16) employment for a political subdivision of Minnesota that is a nontenured major
94.6 policy making or advisory position;
- 94.7 (17) domestic employment in a private household, local college club, or local chapter
94.8 of a college fraternity or sorority, if the wages paid in any calendar quarter in either the
94.9 current or prior calendar year to all individuals in domestic employment totaled less than
94.10 \$1,000.
- 94.11 "Domestic employment" includes all service in the operation and maintenance of a
94.12 private household, for a local college club, or local chapter of a college fraternity or sorority
94.13 as distinguished from service as an employee in the pursuit of an employer's trade or business;
- 94.14 (18) employment of an individual by a son, daughter, or spouse, and employment of a
94.15 child under the age of 18 by the child's father or mother;
- 94.16 (19) employment of an inmate of a custodial or penal institution;
- 94.17 (20) employment for a school, college, or university, by a student who is enrolled and
94.18 whose primary relation to the school, college, or university is as a student. This does not
94.19 include an individual whose primary relation to the school, college, or university is as an
94.20 employee who also takes courses;
- 94.21 (21) employment of an individual who is enrolled as a student in a full-time program at
94.22 a nonprofit or public educational institution that maintains a regular faculty and curriculum
94.23 and has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the place where its educational
94.24 activities are carried on, taken for credit at the institution, that combines academic instruction
94.25 with work experience, if the employment is an integral part of the program, and the institution
94.26 has so certified to the employer, except that this clause does not apply to employment in a
94.27 program established for or on behalf of an employer or group of employers;
- 94.28 (22) employment of a foreign college or university student who works on a seasonal or
94.29 temporary basis under the J-1 visa summer work travel program described in Code of Federal
94.30 Regulations, title 22, section 62.32;

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- 94.31 ~~(22)~~ (23) employment of university, college, or professional school students in an
94.32 internship or other training program with the city of St. Paul or the city of Minneapolis
94.33 under Laws 1990, chapter 570, article 6, section 3;
- 95.1 ~~(23)~~ (24) employment for a hospital by a patient of the hospital. "Hospital" means an
95.2 institution that has been licensed by the Department of Health as a hospital;
- 95.3 ~~(24)~~ (25) employment as a student nurse for a hospital or a nurses' training school by
95.4 an individual who is enrolled and is regularly attending classes in an accredited nurses'
95.5 training school;
- 95.6 ~~(25)~~ (26) employment as an intern for a hospital by an individual who has completed a
95.7 four-year course in an accredited medical school;
- 95.8 ~~(26)~~ (27) employment as an insurance salesperson, by other than a corporate officer, if
95.9 all the wages from the employment is solely by way of commission. The word "insurance"
95.10 includes an annuity and an optional annuity;
- 95.11 ~~(27)~~ (28) employment as an officer of a township mutual insurance company or farmer's
95.12 mutual insurance company under chapter 67A;
- 95.13 ~~(28)~~ (29) employment of a corporate officer, if the officer directly or indirectly, including
95.14 through a subsidiary or holding company, owns 25 percent or more of the employer
95.15 corporation, and employment of a member of a limited liability company, if the member
95.16 directly or indirectly, including through a subsidiary or holding company, owns 25 percent
95.17 or more of the employer limited liability company;
- 95.18 ~~(29)~~ (30) employment as a real estate salesperson, other than a corporate officer, if all
95.19 the wages from the employment is solely by way of commission;
- 95.20 ~~(30)~~ (31) employment as a direct seller as defined in United States Code, title 26, section
95.21 3508;
- 95.22 ~~(31)~~ (32) employment of an individual under the age of 18 in the delivery or distribution
95.23 of newspapers or shopping news, not including delivery or distribution to any point for
95.24 subsequent delivery or distribution;
- 95.25 ~~(32)~~ (33) casual employment performed for an individual, other than domestic
95.26 employment under clause (17), that does not promote or advance that employer's trade or
95.27 business;

95.28 ~~(33)~~ (34) employment in "agricultural employment" unless it is "covered agricultural
 95.29 employment" under subdivision 11; or

95.30 ~~(34)~~ (35) if employment during one-half or more of any pay period was covered
 95.31 employment, all the employment for the pay period is covered employment; but if during
 95.32 more than one-half of any pay period the employment was noncovered employment, then
 96.1 all of the employment for the pay period is noncovered employment. "Pay period" means
 96.2 a period of not more than a calendar month for which a payment or compensation is ordinarily
 96.3 made to the employee by the employer.

96.4 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.051, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

96.5 Subd. 2a. **Unemployment insurance tax limits reduction.** (a) If the balance in the trust
 96.6 fund on December 31 of any calendar year is four percent or more above the amount equal
 96.7 to an average high cost multiple of 1.0, future unemployment taxes payable must be reduced
 96.8 by all amounts above 1.0. The amount of tax reduction for any taxpaying employer is the
 96.9 same percentage of the total amount above 1.0 as the percentage of taxes paid by the
 96.10 employer during the calendar year is of the total amount of taxes that were paid by all
 96.11 ~~nonmaximum experience rated~~ employers during the year except taxes paid by employers
 96.12 assigned a tax rate equal to the maximum experience rating plus the applicable base tax
 96.13 rate.

96.14 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, "average high cost multiple" has the meaning given
 96.15 in Code of Federal Regulations, title 20, section 606.3, as amended through December 31,
 96.16 2015. An amount equal to an average high cost multiple of 1.0 is a federal measure of
 96.17 adequate reserves in relation to the state's current economy. The commissioner must calculate
 96.18 and publish, as soon as possible following December 31 of any calendar year, the trust fund
 96.19 balance on December 31 along with the amount an average high cost multiple of 1.0 equals.
 96.20 Actual wages paid must be used in the calculation and estimates may not be used.

96.21 (c) The unemployment tax reduction under this subdivision does not apply to employers
 96.22 that were at assigned a tax rate equal to the maximum experience rating plus the applicable
 96.23 base tax rate for the year, nor to high experience rating industry employers under subdivision
 96.24 5, paragraph (b). Computations under paragraph (a) are not subject to the rounding
 96.25 requirement of section 268.034. The refund provisions of section 268.057, subdivision 7,
 96.26 do not apply.

96.27 (d) The unemployment tax reduction under this subdivision applies to taxes paid payable
 96.28 between March 1 and December 15 of the year following the December 31 computation
 96.29 under paragraph (a).

96.30 (e) The amount equal to the average high cost multiple of 1.0 on December 31, 2012,
 96.31 must be used for the calculation under paragraph (a) but only for the calculation made on

96.32 ~~December 31, 2015. Notwithstanding paragraph (d), the tax reduction resulting from the~~
 96.33 ~~application of this paragraph applies to unemployment taxes paid between July 1, 2016,~~
 96.34 ~~and June 30, 2017. If there was an experience rating history transfer under subdivision 4,~~
 97.1 ~~the successor employer must receive that portion of the predecessor employer's tax reduction~~
 97.2 ~~equal to that portion of the experience rating history transferred. The predecessor employer~~
 97.3 ~~retains that portion of tax reduction not transferred to the successor. This paragraph applies~~
 97.4 ~~to that portion of the tax reduction that remains unused at the time notice of acquisition is~~
 97.5 ~~provided under subdivision 4, paragraph (e).~~

97.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018.

155.20 **Sec. 6. IRON ORE MINING AND RELATED INDUSTRY EXTENDED**
 155.21 **UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

155.22 Subdivision 1. **Availability of extended benefits.** Extended unemployment benefits are
 155.23 available from the Minnesota unemployment insurance trust fund to an applicant who was
 155.24 laid off due to the closing of International Bildrite, Inc. facilities in International Falls.

155.25 Subd. 2. **Eligibility requirements.** An applicant is eligible to receive extended
 155.26 unemployment benefits under this section if:

155.27 (1) the applicant established a benefit account under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.07,
 155.28 with a majority of the wage credits from International Bildrite, Inc., and has exhausted the
 155.29 maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits available on that benefit account; and

155.30 (2) the applicant meets the same requirements that an applicant for regular unemployment
 155.31 benefits must meet under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.069, subdivision 1.

156.1 Subd. 3. **Weekly and maximum amount of extended unemployment benefits.** (a)
 156.2 The weekly benefit amount of extended unemployment benefits is the same as the weekly
 156.3 benefit amount of regular unemployment benefits on the benefit account established in
 156.4 subdivision 2, clause (1).

156.5 (b) The maximum amount of extended unemployment benefits available to an applicant
 156.6 under this section is an amount equal to 13 weeks of payment at the applicant's weekly
 156.7 extended unemployment benefit amount.

156.8 (c) If an applicant qualifies for a new regular benefit account that meets the requirements
 156.9 of subdivision 4, paragraph (b), before the applicant has been paid extended unemployment
 156.10 benefits, and that new regular benefit account meets the requirements of subdivision 2,

156.11 clause (1), the applicant's weekly extended unemployment benefit amount is equal to the
 156.12 weekly unemployment benefit amount on the applicant's new regular benefit account.

156.13 Subd. 4. **Qualifying for a new regular benefit account.** (a) If after exhausting the
 156.14 maximum amount of regular unemployment benefits available as a result of the layoff under
 156.15 subdivision 1, an applicant qualifies for the new regular benefit account under Minnesota
 156.16 Statutes, section 268.07, the applicant must apply for and establish that new regular benefit
 156.17 account.

156.18 (b) If the applicant's weekly benefit amount under the new regular benefit account is
 156.19 equal to or higher than the applicant's weekly extended unemployment benefit amount, the
 156.20 applicant must request unemployment benefits under the new regular benefit account. An
 156.21 applicant is ineligible for extended unemployment benefits under this section until the
 156.22 applicant has exhausted the maximum amount of unemployment benefits available on the
 156.23 new regular benefit account.

156.24 (c) If the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount on the new regular benefit
 156.25 account is less than the applicant's weekly benefit amount of extended unemployment
 156.26 benefits, the applicant must request extended unemployment benefits. An applicant is
 156.27 ineligible for new regular unemployment benefits until the applicant has exhausted the
 156.28 maximum amount of extended unemployment benefits available under this section.

156.29 Subd. 5. **Eligibility for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance benefits.** An applicant
 156.30 who has applied and been determined eligible for federal Trade Readjustment Allowance
 156.31 benefits is not eligible for extended unemployment benefits under this section.

156.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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ARTICLE 9

97.8

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL; INTEREST

97.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.057, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

97.10 Subd. 5. **Interest on amounts past due.** If any amounts due from an employer under
 97.11 this chapter or section 116L.20, except late fees under section 268.044, are not received on
 97.12 the date due ~~the unpaid balance bears~~ the commissioner must assess interest on any amount
 97.13 that remains unpaid. Interest is assessed at the rate of one percent per month or any part of
 97.14 a month. ~~Interest is not assessed on unpaid interest.~~ Interest collected under this subdivision
 97.15 is credited to the contingent account.

98.15 first four of the most recent five completed calendar quarters before the effective date of
 98.16 an applicant's application for unemployment benefits. The base period under this paragraph
 98.17 is as follows:

98.18 98.19 98.20	If the application for unemployment benefits is effective on or between these dates:	The base period is the prior:
98.21	January 1 - January 31	October 1 - September 30
98.22	April 1 - April 30	January 1 - December 31
98.23	July 1 - July 31	April 1 - March 31
98.24	October 1 - October 31	July 1 - June 30

98.25 (c) Regardless of paragraph (a), a base period of the first four of the most recent five
 98.26 completed calendar quarters must be used if the applicant would have more wage credits
 98.27 under that base period than under a base period of the four most recent completed calendar
 98.28 quarters.

98.29 ~~(d) If the applicant under paragraph (b) has insufficient wage credits to establish a benefit~~
 98.30 ~~account, then a base period of the most recent four completed calendar quarters before the~~
 98.31 ~~effective date of the applicant's application for unemployment benefits must be used.~~

98.32 ~~(d)~~ (d) If the applicant has insufficient wage credits to establish a benefit under
 98.33 a base period of the four most recent completed calendar quarters, or a base period of the
 98.34 first four of the most recent five completed calendar quarters, but during either base period
 98.35 the applicant received workers' compensation for temporary disability under chapter 176
 98.36 or a similar federal law or similar law of another state, or if the applicant whose own serious
 99.1 illness caused a loss of work for which the applicant received compensation for loss of
 99.2 wages from some other source, the applicant may request a base period as follows:

99.3 (1) if an applicant was compensated for a loss of work of seven to 13 weeks; during a
 99.4 base period referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), then the base period is the first four of the
 99.5 most recent six completed calendar quarters before the effective date of the application for
 99.6 unemployment benefits;

99.7 (2) if an applicant was compensated for a loss of work of 14 to 26 weeks; during a base
 99.8 period referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), then the base period is the first four of the most
 99.9 recent seven completed calendar quarters before the effective date of the application for
 99.10 unemployment benefits;

99.11 (3) if an applicant was compensated for a loss of work of 27 to 39 weeks; during a base
 99.12 period referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), then the base period is the first four of the most
 99.13 recent eight completed calendar quarters before the effective date of the application for
 99.14 unemployment benefits; and

99.15 (4) if an applicant was compensated for a loss of work of 40 to 52 weeks; during a base
 99.16 period referred to in paragraph (a) or (b), then the base period is the first four of the most
 99.17 recent nine completed calendar quarters before the effective date of the application for
 99.18 unemployment benefits.

99.19 ~~(f)~~ (e) No base period under this subdivision may include wage credits upon which a
 99.20 prior benefit account was established.

99.21 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.07, subdivision 1, is amended
 99.22 to read:

99.23 Subdivision 1. **Application for unemployment benefits; determination of benefit**
 99.24 **account.** (a) An application for unemployment benefits may be filed in person, by mail, or
 99.25 by electronic transmission as the commissioner may require. The applicant must be
 99.26 unemployed at the time the application is filed and must provide all requested information
 99.27 in the manner required. If the applicant is not unemployed at the time of the application or
 99.28 fails to provide all requested information, the communication is not an application for
 99.29 unemployment benefits.

99.30 (b) The commissioner must examine each application for unemployment benefits to
 99.31 determine the base period and the benefit year, and based upon all the covered employment
 99.32 in the base period the commissioner must determine the weekly unemployment benefit
 99.33 amount available, if any, and the maximum amount of unemployment benefits available,
 100.1 if any. The determination, which is a document separate and distinct from a document titled
 100.2 a determination of eligibility or determination of ineligibility issued under section 268.101,
 100.3 must be titled determination of benefit account. A determination of benefit account must
 100.4 be sent to the applicant and all base period employers, by mail or electronic transmission.

100.5 (c) If a base period employer did not provide wage detail information for the applicant
 100.6 as required under section 268.044, ~~or provided erroneous information, or wage detail is not~~
 100.7 ~~yet due and the applicant is using a base period under section 268.035, subdivision 4,~~
 100.8 ~~paragraph (d),~~ the commissioner may accept an applicant certification of wage credits, based
 100.9 upon the applicant's records, and issue a determination of benefit account.

100.10 ~~(d) An employer must provide wage detail information on an applicant within five~~
 100.11 ~~calendar days of request by the commissioner, in a manner and format requested, when:~~

100.12 ~~(1) the applicant is using a base period under section 268.035, subdivision 4, paragraph~~
100.13 ~~(d), and~~

100.14 ~~(2) wage detail under section 268.044 is not yet required to have been filed by the~~
100.15 ~~employer.~~

100.16 ~~(c)~~ (d) The commissioner may, at any time within 24 months from the establishment of
100.17 a benefit account, reconsider any determination of benefit account and make an amended
100.18 determination if the commissioner finds that the wage credits listed in the determination
100.19 were incorrect for any reason. An amended determination of benefit account must be
100.20 promptly sent to the applicant and all base period employers, by mail or electronic
100.21 transmission. This subdivision does not apply to documents titled determinations of eligibility
100.22 or determinations of ineligibility issued under section 268.101.

100.23 ~~(d)~~ (e) If an amended determination of benefit account reduces the weekly unemployment
100.24 benefit amount or maximum amount of unemployment benefits available, any unemployment
100.25 benefits that have been paid greater than the applicant was entitled is an overpayment of
100.26 unemployment benefits. A determination or amended determination issued under this section
100.27 that results in an overpayment of unemployment benefits must set out the amount of the
100.28 overpayment and the requirement under section 268.18, subdivision 1, that the overpaid
100.29 unemployment benefits must be repaid.

100.30 **ARTICLE 11**
100.31 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL; HOUSEKEEPING**

100.32 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.035, subdivision 15, is
100.33 amended to read:

101.1 Subd. 15. **Employment.** (a) "Employment" means service performed by:

101.2 (1) an individual who is an employee under the common law of employer-employee and
101.3 not an independent contractor;

101.4 (2) an officer of a corporation;

101.5 (3) a member of a limited liability company who is an employee under the common law
101.6 of employer-employee; ~~or~~

- 101.7 (4) an individual who is an employee under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act,
 101.8 United States Code, title 26, chapter 21, sections 3121 (d)(3)(A) and 3121 (d)(3)(D); or
- 101.9 ~~(4)~~ (5) product demonstrators in retail stores or other locations to aid in the sale of
 101.10 products. The person that pays the wages is the employer.
- 101.11 (b) Employment does not include service as a juror.
- 101.12 (c) Construction industry employment is defined in subdivision 9a. Trucking and
 101.13 messenger/courier industry employment is defined in subdivision 25b. Rules on determining
 101.14 worker employment status are described under Minnesota Rules, chapter 3315.
- 101.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.044, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 101.16 Subd. 2. **Failure to timely file report; late fees.** (a) Any employer that fails to submit
 101.17 the quarterly wage detail report when due must pay a late fee of \$10 per employee, computed
 101.18 based upon the highest of:
- 101.19 (1) the number of employees reported on the last wage detail report submitted;
- 101.20 (2) the number of employees reported in the corresponding quarter of the prior calendar
 101.21 year; or
- 101.22 (3) if no wage detail report has ever been submitted, the number of employees listed at
 101.23 the time of employer registration.
- 101.24 The late fee is canceled if the wage detail report is received within 30 calendar days
 101.25 after a demand for the report is sent to the employer by mail or electronic transmission. A
 101.26 late fee assessed an employer may not be canceled more than twice each 12 months. The
 101.27 amount of the late fee assessed may not be less than \$250.
- 101.28 (b) If the wage detail report is not received in a manner and format prescribed by the
 101.29 commissioner within 30 calendar days after demand is sent under paragraph (a), the late
 101.30 fee assessed under paragraph (a) doubles and a renewed demand notice and notice of the
 101.31 increased late fee will be sent to the employer by mail or electronic transmission.
- 102.1 (c) Late fees due under this subdivision may be canceled, in whole or in part, under
 102.2 ~~section 268.066 where good cause for late submission is found by the commissioner~~ 268.067.
- 102.3 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.047, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

102.4 Subd. 3. **Exceptions for taxpaying employers.** Unemployment benefits paid will not
102.5 be used in computing the future tax rate of a taxpaying base period employer when:

102.6 (1) the applicant's wage credits from that employer are less than \$500;

102.7 (2) the applicant quit the employment, unless it was determined under section 268.095,
102.8 to have been because of a good reason caused by the employer or because the employer
102.9 notified the applicant of discharge within 30 calendar days. This exception applies ~~only~~ to
102.10 unemployment benefits paid for periods after the applicant's quitting the employment and,
102.11 if the applicant is rehired by the employer, continues only until the beginning of the week
102.12 the applicant is rehired; or

102.13 (3) the employer discharged the applicant from employment because of employment
102.14 misconduct as determined under section 268.095. This exception applies ~~only~~ to
102.15 unemployment benefits paid for periods after the applicant's discharge from employment
102.16 and, if the applicant is rehired by the employer, continues only until the beginning of the
102.17 week the applicant is rehired.

102.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective October 1, 2019.

102.19 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.059, is amended to read:

102.20 **268.059 GARNISHMENT FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND UNEMPLOYMENT**
102.21 **BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS.**

102.22 Subdivision 1. **Notice Authority.** ~~The commissioner may give notice to any employer~~
102.23 ~~that an employee owes any amounts due under this chapter or section 116L.20, and that the~~
102.24 ~~obligation should be withheld from the employee's wages. The commissioner may proceed~~
102.25 ~~only if the amount due is uncontested or if the time for any appeal has expired. The~~
102.26 commissioner may garnish an employee's wages to collect amounts due under this chapter
102.27 or section 116L.20, as set forth in this section. Chapter 571 does not apply, except as
102.28 referenced in this section.

102.29 Subd. 1a. **Notice.** The commissioner may not proceed with a garnishment until 30
102.30 calendar days after sending to the debtor employee, by mail or electronic transmission, a
102.31 notice of intent to garnish wages and exemption notice. That notice must ~~list~~ include:

103.1 (1) the amount due from the debtor;

103.2 (2) demand for immediate payment; and

103.3 (3) the intention to serve a garnishment notice on the debtor's employer.

103.4 The notice expires 180 calendar days after it has been sent to the debtor provided that
 103.5 the notice may be renewed by sending a new notice that is in accordance with this section.
 103.6 The renewed notice has the effect of reinstating the priority of the original notice. ~~The~~
 103.7 ~~exemption notice must be in substantially the same form as in section 571.72. The exemption~~
 103.8 ~~notice must inform the debtor of the right to claim exemptions contained in section 550.37,~~
 103.9 ~~subdivision 14. If no claim of exemption is received by the commissioner within 30 calendar~~
 103.10 ~~days after sending of the notice, the commissioner may proceed with the garnishment. The~~
 103.11 ~~notice to the debtor's employer may be served by mail or electronic transmission and must~~
 103.12 ~~be in substantially the same form as in section 571.75.~~

103.13 Subd. 2. **Employer action.** (a) Thirty calendar days after sending the notice of intent to
 103.14 garnish, the commissioner may send to the debtor's employer, by mail or electronic
 103.15 transmission, a notice of garnishment, including a worksheet for determining the amount
 103.16 to be withheld from wages each pay period. The amount to be withheld from wages is
 103.17 subject to the limitations in section 571.922. Upon receipt of the garnishment notice, the
 103.18 employer must withhold from the earnings wages due or to become due to the employee,
 103.19 the amount shown on the notice plus accrued interest, subject to section 571.922 determined
 103.20 by the employer plus accrued interest. The employer must continue to withhold each pay
 103.21 period the amount shown on the notice determined by the employer plus accrued interest
 103.22 until the garnishment notice is released by the commissioner. Upon receipt of notice by the
 103.23 employer, the claim of the commissioner has priority over any subsequent garnishments or
 103.24 wage assignments. The commissioner may arrange between the employer and employee
 103.25 for withholding a portion of the total amount due the employee each pay period, agree to
 103.26 accept a withholding amount that is less than the amount determined by the employer on
 103.27 the worksheet until the total amount shown on the notice due plus accrued interest has been
 103.28 withheld.

103.29 (b) ~~The "earnings due" any employee~~ For the purposes of this section, "wages" is as
 103.30 defined in section 571.921 268.035, subdivision 29.

103.31 ~~(b)~~ (c) The maximum garnishment allowed for any one pay period must be decreased
 103.32 by any amounts payable under any other garnishment action served before the garnishment
 103.33 notice, and any amounts covered by any irrevocable and previously effective assignment
 103.34 of wages; The employer must give notice to the commissioner of the amounts and the facts
 104.1 relating to the other garnishment or assignment ~~within ten calendar days after the service~~
 104.2 ~~of the garnishment notice~~ on the form worksheet provided by the commissioner.

104.3 ~~(c)~~ (d) Within ten calendar days after the expiration of the pay period, the employer must
 104.4 remit to the commissioner, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner,
 104.5 the amount withheld during each pay period.

104.6 Subd. 3. **Discharge or discipline prohibited.** (a) If the employee ceases to be employed
 104.7 by the employer before the full amount ~~set forth on the garnishment notice~~ due plus accrued

104.8 interest has been withheld, the employer must immediately notify the commissioner in
 104.9 writing or by electronic transmission, as prescribed by the commissioner, of the termination
 104.10 date of the employee and the total amount withheld. No employer may discharge or discipline
 104.11 any employee because the commissioner has proceeded under this section. If an employer
 104.12 discharges an employee in violation of this section, the employee has the same remedy as
 104.13 provided in section 571.927, subdivision 2.

104.14 (b) This section applies if the employer is the state of Minnesota or any political
 104.15 subdivision.

104.16 (c) The commissioner must refund to the employee any excess amounts withheld from
 104.17 the employee.

104.18 (d) An employer that fails or refuses to comply with this section is jointly and severally
 104.19 liable for the total amount due from the employee. Any amount due from the employer
 104.20 under this paragraph may be collected in the same manner as any other amounts due from
 104.21 an employer under this chapter.

104.22 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.085, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

104.23 Subd. 3. **Vacation and sick payments that delay unemployment benefits.** (a) An
 104.24 applicant is not eligible to receive unemployment benefits for any week the applicant is
 104.25 receiving, has received, or will receive vacation pay, sick pay, or personal time off pay, also
 104.26 known as "PTO."

104.27 This paragraph ~~only applies upon temporary, indefinite, or seasonal separation and~~ does
 104.28 not apply:

104.29 (1) upon a permanent separation from employment; or

104.30 (2) to payments from a vacation fund administered by a union or a third party not under
 104.31 the control of the employer.

105.1 Payments under this ~~paragraph~~ subdivision are applied to the period immediately
 105.2 following the ~~temporary, indefinite, or seasonal separation~~, later of the date of separation
 105.3 from employment or the date the applicant first becomes aware that the employer will be
 105.4 making a payment. The date the payment is actually made or received, or that an applicant
 105.5 must agree to a release of claims, does not affect the application of this paragraph.

105.6 (b) This subdivision applies to all the weeks of payment. The weeks of payment is
 105.7 determined as follows:

- 105.8 (1) if the payments are made periodically, the total of the payments to be received is
 105.9 divided by the applicant's last level of regular weekly pay from the employer; or
- 105.10 (2) if the payment is made in a lump sum, that sum is divided by the applicant's last level
 105.11 of regular weekly pay from the employer.
- 105.12 The "last level of regular weekly pay" includes commissions, bonuses, and overtime
 105.13 pay if that is part of the applicant's ongoing regular compensation.
- 105.14 (c) Under this subdivision, if the payment with respect to a week is equal to or more
 105.15 than the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount, the applicant is ineligible for
 105.16 benefits for that week. If the payment with respect to a week is less than the applicant's
 105.17 weekly unemployment benefit amount, unemployment benefits are reduced by the amount
 105.18 of the payment.
- 105.19 ~~(b)~~ (d) An applicant is not eligible to receive unemployment benefits for any week the
 105.20 applicant is receiving, has received, or will receive severance pay, bonus pay, or any other
 105.21 payments paid by an employer because of, upon, or after separation from employment.
- 105.22 This paragraph only applies if the payment is:
- 105.23 (1) considered wages under section 268.035, subdivision 29; or
- 105.24 (2) subject to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) tax imposed to fund Social
 105.25 Security and Medicare.
- 105.26 Payments under this paragraph are applied to the period immediately following the later
 105.27 of the date of separation from employment or the date the applicant first becomes aware
 105.28 that the employer will be making a payment. The date the payment is actually made or
 105.29 received, or that an applicant must agree to a release of claims, does not affect the application
 105.30 of this paragraph.
- 105.31 This paragraph does not apply to earnings under subdivision 5, back pay under
 105.32 subdivision 6, or vacation pay, sick pay, or personal time off pay under paragraph (a).
- 106.1 (e) Paragraph (a) applies to all the weeks of payment. The weeks of payment is determined
 106.2 in accordance with subdivision 3, paragraph (b).
- 106.3 (f) Under this subdivision, if the payment with respect to a week is equal to or more than
 106.4 the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount, the applicant is ineligible for benefits
 106.5 for that week. If the payment with respect to a week is less than the applicant's weekly

106.6 unemployment benefit amount, unemployment benefits are reduced by the amount of the
 106.7 payment.

106.8 ~~(e)~~ (g) An applicant is not eligible to receive unemployment benefits for any week the
 106.9 applicant is receiving, has received, will receive, or has applied for pension, retirement, or
 106.10 annuity payments from any plan contributed to by a base period employer including the
 106.11 United States government. The base period employer is considered to have contributed to
 106.12 the plan if the contribution is excluded from the definition of wages under section 268.035,
 106.13 subdivision 29. If the pension, retirement, or annuity payment is paid in a lump sum, an
 106.14 applicant is not considered to have received a payment if:

106.15 (1) the applicant immediately deposits that payment in a qualified pension plan or
 106.16 account; or

106.17 (2) that payment is an early distribution for which the applicant paid an early distribution
 106.18 penalty under the Internal Revenue Code, United States Code, title 26, section 72(t)(1).

106.19 This paragraph does not apply to Social Security benefits under subdivision 4 or 4a.

106.20 ~~(d)~~ (h) This subdivision applies to all the weeks of payment. ~~The number of weeks of~~
 106.21 ~~payment is determined as follows:~~

106.22 ~~(1) if the payments are made periodically, the total of the payments to be received is~~
 106.23 ~~divided by the applicant's last level of regular weekly pay from the employer; or~~

106.24 ~~(2)~~ If the payment is made in a lump sum, that sum is divided by the applicant's last
 106.25 level of regular weekly pay from the employer to determine the weeks of payment.

106.26 For purposes of this ~~paragraph subdivision,~~ the "last level of regular weekly pay" includes
 106.27 commissions, bonuses, and overtime pay if that is part of the applicant's ongoing regular
 106.28 compensation.

106.29 ~~(e)~~ (i) Under this subdivision, if the payment with respect to a week is equal to or more
 106.30 than the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount, the applicant is ineligible for
 106.31 benefits for that week. If the payment with respect to a week is less than the applicant's
 106.32 weekly unemployment benefit amount, unemployment benefits are reduced by the amount
 106.33 of the payment.

107.1 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.085, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

107.2 Subd. 3a. **Workers' compensation and disability insurance offset.** (a) An applicant
 107.3 is not eligible to receive unemployment benefits for any week in which the applicant is

107.4 receiving or has received compensation for loss of wages equal to or in excess of the
107.5 applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount under:

107.6 (1) the workers' compensation law of this state;

107.7 (2) the workers' compensation law of any other state or similar federal law; or

107.8 (3) any insurance or trust fund paid in whole or in part by an employer.

107.9 (b) This subdivision does not apply to an applicant who has a claim pending for loss of
107.10 wages under paragraph (a); however, before unemployment benefits may be paid when a
107.11 claim is pending, the issue of the applicant being available for suitable employment, as
107.12 required under subdivision 1, clause (4), ~~is must be~~ determined under section 268.101,
107.13 subdivision 2. If the applicant later receives compensation as a result of the pending claim,
107.14 the applicant is subject to ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph (a) and the unemployment benefits
107.15 paid are ~~subject to recoupment by the commissioner to the extent that the compensation~~
107.16 ~~constitutes~~ overpaid unemployment benefits under section 268.18, subdivision 1.

107.17 (c) If the amount of compensation described under paragraph (a) for any week is less
107.18 than the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit amount, unemployment benefits requested
107.19 for that week are reduced by the amount of that compensation payment.

107.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.085, subdivision 13a, is amended
107.21 to read:

107.22 Subd. 13a. **Leave of absence.** (a) An applicant on a voluntary leave of absence is
107.23 ineligible for unemployment benefits for the duration of the leave of absence. An applicant
107.24 on an involuntary leave of absence is not ineligible under this subdivision.

107.25 A leave of absence is voluntary when work that the applicant can then perform is available
107.26 with the applicant's employer but the applicant chooses not to work. A medical leave of
107.27 absence is not presumed to be voluntary.

107.28 (b) A period of vacation requested by the applicant, paid or unpaid, is a voluntary leave
107.29 of absence. A vacation period assigned by an employer under: (1) a uniform vacation
107.30 shutdown; (2) a collective bargaining agreement; or (3) an established employer policy, is
107.31 an involuntary leave of absence.

108.1 (c) A leave of absence is a temporary stopping of work that has been approved by the
108.2 employer. A ~~voluntary~~ leave of absence is not a quit ~~and an involuntary leave of absence~~
108.3 ~~is not~~ or a discharge from employment for purposes of Section 268.095 does not apply to
108.4 a leave of absence.

108.5 (d) An applicant who is on a paid leave of absence, whether the leave of absence is
 108.6 voluntary or involuntary, is ineligible for unemployment benefits for the duration of the
 108.7 leave.

108.8 (e) This subdivision applies to a leave of absence from a base period employer, an
 108.9 employer during the period between the end of the base period and the effective date of the
 108.10 benefit account, or an employer during the benefit year.

108.11 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.095, subdivision 6, is amended
 108.12 to read:

108.13 **Subd. 6. Employment misconduct defined.** (a) Employment misconduct means any
 108.14 intentional, negligent, or indifferent conduct, on the job or off the job, that displays clearly:

108.15 ~~(1)~~ is a serious violation of the standards of behavior the employer has the right to
 108.16 reasonably expect of the employee; ~~or,~~

108.17 ~~(2) a substantial lack of concern for the employment.~~

108.18 (b) Regardless of paragraph (a), the following is not employment misconduct:

108.19 (1) conduct that was a consequence of the applicant's mental illness or impairment;

108.20 (2) conduct that was a consequence of the applicant's inefficiency or inadvertence;

108.21 (3) simple unsatisfactory conduct;

108.22 (4) conduct an average reasonable employee would have engaged in under the
 108.23 circumstances;

108.24 (5) conduct that was a consequence of the applicant's inability or incapacity;

108.25 (6) good faith errors in judgment if judgment was required;

108.26 (7) absence because of illness or injury of the applicant, with proper notice to the
 108.27 employer;

108.28 (8) absence, with proper notice to the employer, in order to provide necessary care
 108.29 because of the illness, injury, or disability of an immediate family member of the applicant;

109.1 (9) conduct that was a consequence of the applicant's chemical dependency, unless the
 109.2 applicant was previously diagnosed chemically dependent or had treatment for chemical
 109.3 dependency, and since that diagnosis or treatment has failed to make consistent efforts to
 109.4 control the chemical dependency; or

109.5 (10) conduct that was a consequence of the applicant, or an immediate family member
 109.6 of the applicant, being a victim of domestic abuse, sexual assault, or stalking. For the
 109.7 purposes of this subdivision, "domestic abuse," "sexual assault," and "stalking" have the
 109.8 meanings given them in subdivision 1.

109.9 (c) Regardless of paragraph (b), clause (9), conduct in violation of sections 169A.20,
 109.10 169A.31, 169A.50 to 169A.53, or 171.177 that ~~interferes with or~~ adversely affects the
 109.11 employment is employment misconduct.

109.12 (d) If the conduct for which the applicant was discharged involved only a single incident,
 109.13 that is an important fact that must be considered in deciding whether the conduct rises to
 109.14 the level of employment misconduct under paragraph (a). This paragraph does not require
 109.15 that a determination under section 268.101 or decision under section 268.105 contain a
 109.16 specific acknowledgment or explanation that this paragraph was considered.

109.17 (e) The definition of employment misconduct provided by this subdivision is exclusive
 109.18 and no other definition applies.

109.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.095, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

109.20 Subd. 6a. **Aggravated employment misconduct defined.** (a) ~~For the purpose of this~~
 109.21 ~~section, "aggravated employment misconduct" means:~~

109.22 ~~(1) The commission of any act, on the job or off the job, that would amount to a gross~~
 109.23 ~~misdemeanor or felony is aggravated employment misconduct if the act substantially~~
 109.24 ~~interfered with the employment or had a significant adverse effect on the employment; or,~~

109.25 A criminal charge or conviction is not necessary to determine aggravated employment
 109.26 misconduct under this paragraph. If an applicant is convicted of a gross misdemeanor or
 109.27 felony, the applicant is presumed to have committed the act.

109.28 ~~(2) (b) For an employee of a facility as defined in section 626.5572, aggravated~~
 109.29 ~~employment misconduct includes an act of patient or resident abuse, financial exploitation,~~
 109.30 ~~or recurring or serious neglect, as defined in section 626.5572 and applicable rules.~~

109.31 ~~(b) If an applicant is convicted of a gross misdemeanor or felony for the same act for~~
 109.32 ~~which the applicant was discharged, it is aggravated employment misconduct if the act~~

110.1 ~~substantially interfered with the employment or had a significant adverse effect on the~~
 110.2 ~~employment.~~

110.3 (c) The definition of aggravated employment misconduct provided by this subdivision
 110.4 is exclusive and no other definition applies.

110.5 **ARTICLE 12**

110.6 **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL; TECHNICAL**

110.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.044, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

110.8 Subd. 3. **Missing or erroneous information.** (a) Any employer that submits the wage
 110.9 detail report, but fails to include all required employee information or enters erroneous
 110.10 information, is subject to an administrative service fee of \$25 for each employee for whom
 110.11 the information is partially missing or erroneous.

110.12 (b) Any employer that submits the wage detail report, but fails to include an employee,
 110.13 is subject to an administrative service fee equal to two percent of the total wages for each
 110.14 employee for whom the information is completely missing.

110.15 (c) An administrative service fee under this subdivision must be canceled under section
 110.16 268.067 if the commissioner determines that the failure or error by the employer occurred
 110.17 because of ignorance or inadvertence.

110.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.046, subdivision 1, is amended
 110.19 to read:

110.20 Subdivision 1. **Tax accounts assigned.** (a) Any person that contracts with a taxpaying
 110.21 employer to have that person obtain the taxpaying employer's workforce and provide workers
 110.22 to the taxpaying employer for a fee is, as of the effective date of the contract, assigned for
 110.23 the duration of the contract the taxpaying employer's account under section 268.045. That
 110.24 tax account must be maintained by the person separate and distinct from every other tax
 110.25 account held by the person and identified in a manner prescribed by the commissioner. The
 110.26 tax account is, for the duration of the contract, considered that person's account for all
 110.27 purposes of this chapter. The workers obtained from the taxpaying employer and any other
 110.28 workers provided by that person to the taxpaying employer, including officers of the
 110.29 taxpaying employer as defined in section 268.035, subdivision 20, clause ~~(28)~~ (29), whose
 110.30 wages paid by the person are considered paid in covered employment under section 268.035,
 110.31 subdivision 24, for the duration of the contract between the taxpaying employer and the
 110.32 person, must, under section 268.044, be reported on the wage detail report under that tax

111.1 account, and that person must pay any taxes due at the tax rate computed for that account
 111.2 under section 268.051, subdivision 2.

111.3 (b) Any workers of the taxpaying employer who are not covered by the contract under
 111.4 paragraph (a) must be reported by the taxpaying employer as a separate unit on the wage
 111.5 detail report under the tax account assigned under paragraph (a). Taxes and any other
 111.6 amounts due on the wages reported by the taxpaying employer under this paragraph may
 111.7 be paid directly by the taxpaying employer.

111.8 (c) If the taxpaying employer that contracts with a person under paragraph (a) does not
 111.9 have a tax account at the time of the execution of the contract, an account must be registered
 111.10 for the taxpaying employer under section 268.042 and the new employer tax rate under
 111.11 section 268.051, subdivision 5, must be assigned. The tax account is then assigned to the
 111.12 person as provided for in paragraph (a).

111.13 (d) A person that contracts with a taxpaying employer under paragraph (a) must, within
 111.14 30 calendar days of the execution or termination of a contract, notify the commissioner by
 111.15 electronic transmission, in a format prescribed by the commissioner, of that execution or
 111.16 termination. The taxpaying employer's name, the account number assigned, and any other
 111.17 information required by the commissioner must be provided by that person.

111.18 (e) Any contract subject to paragraph (a) must specifically inform the taxpaying employer
 111.19 of the assignment of the tax account under this section and the taxpaying employer's
 111.20 obligation under paragraph (b). If there is a termination of the contract, the tax account is,
 111.21 as of the date of termination, immediately assigned to the taxpaying employer.

111.22 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.051, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

111.23 Subd. 3. **Computation of a taxpaying employer's experience rating.** (a) On or before
 111.24 each December 15, the commissioner must compute an experience rating for each taxpaying
 111.25 employer who has ~~been required to file~~ filed wage detail reports for the ~~12~~ four calendar
 111.26 ~~months~~ quarters ending on the prior June 30. The experience rating computed is applicable
 111.27 for the following calendar year.

111.28 The experience rating is the ratio obtained by dividing 125 percent of the total
 111.29 unemployment benefits required under section 268.047 to be used in computing the
 111.30 employer's tax rate during the ~~48~~ 16 calendar ~~months~~ quarters ending on the prior June 30,
 111.31 by the employer's total taxable payroll for that same period.

111.32 (b) The experience rating is computed to the nearest one-hundredth of a percent, to a
 111.33 maximum of 8.90 percent.

112.1 (c) The use of 125 percent of unemployment benefits paid under paragraph (a), rather
 112.2 than 100 percent of the amount of unemployment benefits paid, is done in order for the trust
 112.3 fund to recover from all taxpaying employers a portion of the costs of unemployment benefits
 112.4 paid that do not affect any individual employer's future experience rating because of the
 112.5 reasons set out in subdivision 2, paragraph (f).

112.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.053, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

112.7 Subdivision 1. **Election.** (a) Any nonprofit organization that has employees in covered
 112.8 employment must pay taxes on a quarterly basis in accordance with section 268.051 unless
 112.9 it elects to make reimbursements to the trust fund the amount of unemployment benefits
 112.10 charged to its reimbursable account under section 268.047.

112.11 The organization may elect to make reimbursements for a period of not less than 24
 112.12 calendar months beginning with the date that the organization was determined to be an
 112.13 employer with covered employment by filing a notice of election not later than 30 calendar
 112.14 days after the date of the determination.

112.15 (b) Any nonprofit organization that makes an election will continue to be liable for
 112.16 reimbursements until it files a notice terminating its election before the beginning of the
 112.17 calendar quarter the termination is to be effective.

112.18 A nonprofit organization that has been making reimbursements that files a notice of
 112.19 termination of election must be assigned the new employer tax rate under section 268.051,
 112.20 subdivision 5, until it qualifies for an experience rating under section 268.051, subdivision
 112.21 3.

112.22 (c) Any nonprofit organization that has been paying taxes may elect to make
 112.23 reimbursements by filing a notice of election. The election is effective at the beginning of
 112.24 the next calendar quarter. The election is not terminable by the organization for 24 calendar
 112.25 months.

112.26 ~~(d) The commissioner may for good cause extend the period that a notice of election,
 112.27 or a notice of termination, must be filed and may permit an election to be retroactive.~~

112.28 ~~(e)~~ (d) A notice of election or notice terminating election must be filed by electronic
 112.29 transmission in a format prescribed by the commissioner.

112.30 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.066, is amended to read:

112.31 **268.066 CANCELLATION OF AMOUNTS DUE FROM AN EMPLOYER.**

113.1 (a) The commissioner must cancel as uncollectible any amounts due from an employer
 113.2 under this chapter or section 116L.20, that remain unpaid six years after the amounts have
 113.3 been first determined due, except where the delinquent amounts are secured by a notice of
 113.4 lien, a judgment, are in the process of garnishment, or are under a payment plan.

113.5 (b) The commissioner may cancel at any time as uncollectible any amount due, or any
 113.6 portion of an amount due, from an employer under this chapter or section 116L.20, that (1)
 113.7 are uncollectible due to death or bankruptcy, or (2) the Collection Division of the Department
 113.8 of Revenue under section 16D.04 was unable to collect.

113.9 ~~(c) The commissioner may cancel at any time any interest, penalties, or fees due from~~
 113.10 ~~an employer, or any portions due, if the commissioner determines that it is not in the public~~
 113.11 ~~interest to pursue collection of the amount due. This paragraph does not apply to~~
 113.12 ~~unemployment insurance taxes or reimbursements due.~~

113.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.067, is amended to read:

113.14 **268.067 COMPROMISE.**

113.15 (a) The commissioner may compromise in whole or in part any action, determination,
 113.16 or decision that affects only an employer and not an applicant. This paragraph applies if it
 113.17 is determined by a court of law, or a confession of judgment, that an applicant, while
 113.18 employed, wrongfully took from the employer \$500 or more in money or property.

113.19 (b) The commissioner may at any time compromise any unemployment insurance tax
 113.20 ~~or~~ reimbursement, interest, penalty, fee, costs, or any other amount due from an employer
 113.21 under this chapter or section 116L.20.

113.22 (c) Any compromise involving an amount over \$10,000 must be authorized by an attorney
 113.23 licensed to practice law in Minnesota who is an employee of the department designated by
 113.24 the commissioner for that purpose.

113.25 (d) Any compromise must be in the best interest of the state of Minnesota.

113.26 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.069, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

113.27 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** The commissioner must pay unemployment benefits
 113.28 from the trust fund to an applicant who has met each of the following requirements:

113.29 (1) the applicant has filed an application for unemployment benefits and established a
 113.30 benefit account in accordance with section 268.07;

- 114.1 (2) the applicant has not been held ineligible for unemployment benefits under section
 114.2 268.095 because of a quit or discharge;
- 114.3 (3) the applicant has met all of the ongoing eligibility requirements under section 268.085;
- 114.4 (4) the applicant does not have an outstanding overpayment of unemployment benefits,
 114.5 including any penalties or interest; and
- 114.6 (5) the applicant has not been held ineligible for unemployment benefits under section
 114.7 ~~268.182 because of a false representation or concealment of facts~~ 268.183.
- 114.8 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.105, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
- 114.9 Subd. 6. **Representation; fees.** (a) In any proceeding under subdivision 1 or 2, an
 114.10 applicant or employer may be represented by any authorized representative.
- 114.11 Except for services provided by an attorney-at-law, no person may charge an applicant
 114.12 a fee of any kind for advising, assisting, or representing an applicant in a hearing ~~or~~ on
 114.13 reconsideration, or in a proceeding under subdivision 7.
- 114.14 (b) An applicant may not be charged fees, costs, or disbursements of any kind in a
 114.15 proceeding before an unemployment law judge, the Minnesota Court of Appeals, or the
 114.16 Supreme Court of Minnesota.
- 114.17 (c) No attorney fees may be awarded, or costs or disbursements assessed, against the
 114.18 department as a result of any proceedings under this section.
- 114.19 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.145, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
- 114.20 Subdivision 1. **Notification.** (a) Upon filing an application for unemployment benefits,
 114.21 the applicant must be informed that:
- 114.22 (1) unemployment benefits are subject to federal and state income tax;
- 114.23 (2) there are requirements for filing estimated tax payments;
- 114.24 (3) the applicant may elect to have federal income tax withheld from unemployment
 114.25 benefits;
- 114.26 (4) if the applicant elects to have federal income tax withheld, the applicant may, in
 114.27 addition, elect to have Minnesota state income tax withheld; and

114.28 (5) at any time during the benefit year the applicant may change a prior election.

114.29 (b) If an applicant elects to have federal income tax withheld, the commissioner must
 114.30 deduct ten percent for federal income tax. If an applicant also elects to have Minnesota state
 115.1 income tax withheld, the commissioner must make an additional five percent deduction for
 115.2 state income tax. Any ~~amounts~~ amount deducted ~~or offset~~ under sections 268.155, 268.18,
 115.3 ~~and 268.184~~ have section 268.085 has priority over any amounts deducted under this section.
 115.4 Federal income tax withholding has priority over state income tax withholding.

115.5 (c) An election to have income tax withheld may not be retroactive and only applies to
 115.6 unemployment benefits paid after the election.

115.7 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 268.18, subdivision 5, is amended
 115.8 to read:

115.9 Subd. 5. **Remedies.** (a) Any method undertaken to recover an overpayment of
 115.10 unemployment benefits, including any penalties and interest, is not an election of a method
 115.11 of recovery.

115.12 (b) Intervention or lack thereof, in whole or in part, in a workers' compensation matter
 115.13 under section 176.361 is not an election of a remedy and does not prevent the commissioner
 115.14 from determining an applicant ineligible for unemployment benefits ~~or taking action under~~
 115.15 ~~section 268.183.~~

115.16 Sec. 11. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

115.17 The revisor of statutes is instructed to make the following changes in Minnesota Statutes:

115.18 (1) change the term "fraud" to "misrepresentation" in sections 268.085, subdivision 2,
 115.19 and 268.186, subdivision 1;

115.20 (2) delete the term "bona fide" wherever it appears in section 268.035;

115.21 (3) replace the term "under" with "subject to" in section 268.047, subdivision 2, clause
 115.22 (8);

115.23 (4) replace the term "displays clearly" with "shows" in chapter 268;

115.24 (5) replace the term "entire" with "hearing" in section 268.105;

115.25 (6) replace "24 calendar months" with "eight calendar quarters" in section 268.052,
115.26 subdivision 2.

115.27 Sec. 12. **REPEALER.**

115.28 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 268.053, subdivisions 4 and 5, are repealed.

116.1 Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

116.2 Unless otherwise specified, articles 8 to 12 are effective September 16, 2018.