

Senate Bill No. 1314

CHAPTER 399

An act to amend, repeal, and add Sections 1030, 1032.5, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1377, 3654.4, 3655, 3656, 3701, 4655, 4656, and 4701 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to unemployment insurance.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1314, Monning. Unemployment insurance benefits: determination: appeals.

(1) Existing law requires the Employment Development Department to pay unemployment compensation benefits to eligible claimants. Existing law requires the department to make a prompt notification of various rulings, determinations, and computations, including a notification to an employer of a department ruling or determination as to the cause of a claimant's termination of employment, and a notification to a claimant of the determination of the claimant's eligibility for benefits, as specified. Existing law authorizes reconsideration of a determination of eligibility within 20 days after mailing a notice of a determination. Existing law also authorizes an appeal from a ruling, determination, or computation within 20 days of a notice, as specified, and authorizes an extension of this deadline for good cause.

This bill would extend the deadline for a reconsideration or for an appeal of the above-described rulings, determinations, and computations to 30 days, on or after July 1, 2015.

(2) Existing law requires an administrative law judge to affirm, reverse, modify, or set aside an appeal of a determination of eligibility for benefits and requires the administrative law judge to notify certain parties of the decision, as specified. This decision becomes final unless a further appeal is initiated to the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board within 20 days, as specified.

This bill would, on and after July 1, 2015, extend the deadline for appeal to the board to 30 days.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1030 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1030. (a) An employer that is entitled under Section 1327 to receive notice of the filing of a new or additional claim may, within 10 days after

mailing of the notice, submit to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the claimant left the employer's employ voluntarily and without good cause or left under one of the following circumstances:

(1) The claimant was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work.

(2) The claimant's discharge or quitting from his or her most recent employer was the result of an irresistible compulsion to use or consume intoxicants including alcoholic beverages.

(3) The claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period.

(4) The claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or to join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available.

(5) The claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse.

(6) The claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job.

The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(b) A base period employer that is not entitled under Section 1327 to receive notice of the filing of a new or additional claim and is entitled under Section 1329 to receive notice of computation may, within 15 days after mailing of the notice of computation, submit to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the claimant left the employer's employ voluntarily and without good cause or left under one of the following circumstances:

(1) The claimant was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work.

(2) The claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period.

(3) The claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available.

(4) The claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse.

(5) The claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job.

The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(c) The department shall consider these facts together with any information in its possession. If the employer is entitled to a ruling under subdivision (b) or to a determination under Section 1328, the department shall promptly notify the employer of its ruling as to the cause of the

termination of the claimant's employment. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause, which includes, but is not limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director is an interested party to an appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider a ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after the date an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if an appeal is not filed, within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. However, a ruling or reconsidered ruling that relates to a determination that is reconsidered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1332 may also be reconsidered by the department within the time provided for reconsideration of that determination.

(d) For purposes of this section only, if the claimant voluntarily leaves the employer's employ without notification to the employer of the reasons for the leaving, and if the employer submits all of the facts within its possession concerning the leaving within the applicable time period referred to in this section, the leaving is presumed to be without good cause.

(e) An individual whose employment is terminated under the compulsory retirement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement to which the employer is a party shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left his or her employment without good cause.

(f) For purposes of this section "spouse" includes a person to whom marriage is imminent, and "domestic partner" includes a person to whom a domestic partnership, as described in Section 297 of the Family Code, is imminent.

(g) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 1030 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1030. (a) An employer that is entitled under Section 1327 to receive notice of the filing of a new or additional claim may, within 10 days after mailing of the notice, submit to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the claimant left the employer's employ voluntarily and without good cause or left under one of the following circumstances:

(1) The claimant was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work.

(2) The claimant's discharge or quitting from his or her most recent employer was the result of an irresistible compulsion to use or consume intoxicants including alcoholic beverages.

(3) The claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period.

(4) The claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or to join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available.

(5) The claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse.

(6) The claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job.

The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(b) A base period employer that is not entitled under Section 1327 to receive notice of the filing of a new or additional claim and is entitled under Section 1329 to receive notice of computation may, within 15 days after mailing of the notice of computation, submit to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the claimant left the employer's employ voluntarily and without good cause or left under one of the following circumstances:

(1) The claimant was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work.

(2) The claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period.

(3) The claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available.

(4) The claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse.

(5) The claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job.

The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(c) The department shall consider these facts together with any information in its possession. If the employer is entitled to a ruling under subdivision (b) or to a determination under Section 1328, the department shall promptly notify the employer of its ruling as to the cause of the termination of the claimant's employment. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause, which includes, but is not limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director is an interested party to an appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider a ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after the date an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if an appeal is not filed, within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. However, a ruling or reconsidered ruling that relates to a determination that is reconsidered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1332 may also be reconsidered by the department within the time provided for reconsideration of that determination.

(d) For purposes of this section only, if the claimant voluntarily leaves the employer's employ without notification to the employer of the reasons

for the leaving, and if the employer submits all of the facts within its possession concerning the leaving within the applicable time period referred to in this section, the leaving is presumed to be without good cause.

(e) An individual whose employment is terminated under the compulsory retirement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement to which the employer is a party shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left his or her employment without good cause.

(f) For purposes of this section, “spouse” includes a person to whom marriage is imminent, and “domestic partner” includes a person to whom a domestic partnership, as described in Section 297 of the Family Code, is imminent.

(g) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 3. Section 1032.5 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1032.5. (a) Any base period employer may, within 15 days after mailing of a notice of computation under subdivision (a) of Section 1329, submit to the department facts within its possession disclosing that the individual claiming benefits is rendering services for that employer in less than full-time work, and that the individual has continuously, commencing in or prior to the beginning of the base period, rendered services for that employer in such less than full-time work.

(b) The department shall consider facts submitted under subdivision (a) of this section together with any information in its possession and promptly notify the employer of its ruling. If the department finds that an individual is, under Section 1252, unemployed in any week on the basis of his or her having less than full-time work, and that the employer submitting facts under this section is a base period employer for whom the individual has continuously, commencing in or prior to the beginning of the base period, rendered services in such less than full-time work, that employer’s account shall not be charged, except as provided by Section 1026 or if the department determines pursuant to Section 1026.1 that the employer’s reserve account should not be credited, for benefits paid the individual in any week in which such wages are payable by that employer to the individual. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider any ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if no appeal is filed, within 20 days after mailing or personal service of the notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 4. Section 1032.5 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1032.5. (a) Any base period employer may, within 15 days after mailing of a notice of computation under subdivision (a) of Section 1329, submit to the department facts within its possession disclosing that the individual claiming benefits is rendering services for that employer in less than full-time work, and that the individual has continuously, commencing in or prior to the beginning of the base period, rendered services for that employer in such less than full-time work.

(b) The department shall consider facts submitted under subdivision (a) of this section together with any information in its possession and promptly notify the employer of its ruling. If the department finds that an individual is, under Section 1252, unemployed in any week on the basis of his or her having less than full-time work, and that the employer submitting facts under this section is a base period employer for whom the individual has continuously, commencing in or prior to the beginning of the base period, rendered services in such less than full-time work, that employer's account shall not be charged, except as provided by Section 1026 or if the department determines pursuant to Section 1026.1 that the employer's reserve account should not be credited, for benefits paid the individual in any week in which such wages are payable by that employer to the individual. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider any ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if no appeal is filed, within 30 days after mailing or personal service of the notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 5. Section 1328 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1328. (a) The department shall consider the facts submitted by an employer pursuant to Section 1327 and make a determination as to the claimant's eligibility for benefits. The department shall promptly notify the claimant and any employer who before the determination has submitted facts or given notice pursuant to Section 1327 or this section and authorized regulations of the determination or reconsidered determination and the reasons therefor. If, after notice of a determination or reconsidered determination, the employing unit acquires knowledge of facts that may affect the eligibility of the claimant and those facts could not reasonably have been known within the 10-day period provided by Section 1327, the employing unit shall within 10 days of acquiring that knowledge submit those facts to the department, and the 10-day period may be extended for good cause. The claimant and the employer may appeal from a determination or reconsidered determination to an administrative law judge within 20 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination or reconsidered determination. The 20-day period may be extended for good

cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 6. Section 1328 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1328. (a) The department shall consider the facts submitted by an employer pursuant to Section 1327 and make a determination as to the claimant's eligibility for benefits. The department shall promptly notify the claimant and any employer who before the determination has submitted facts or given notice pursuant to Section 1327 or this section and authorized regulations of the determination or reconsidered determination and the reasons therefor. If, after notice of a determination or reconsidered determination, the employing unit acquires knowledge of facts that may affect the eligibility of the claimant and those facts could not reasonably have been known within the 10-day period provided by Section 1327, the employing unit shall within 10 days of acquiring that knowledge submit those facts to the department, and the 10-day period may be extended for good cause. The claimant and the employer may appeal from a determination or reconsidered determination to an administrative law judge within 30 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination or reconsidered determination. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 7. Section 1330 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1330. (a) The claimant and any base period employer to whom a notice of computation or recomputation is given may, within 20 days after the mailing or personal service of the notice, protest the accuracy of the computation or recomputation. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause. The department shall consider this protest and shall promptly notify the claimant and the base period employer submitting the protest of the recomputation or denial of recomputation. An appeal may be taken from a notice of denial of recomputation in the manner prescribed in Section 1328. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 8. Section 1330 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1330. (a) The claimant and any base period employer to whom a notice of computation or recomputation is given may, within 30 days after the mailing or personal service of the notice, protest the accuracy of the

computation or recomputation. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause. The department shall consider this protest and shall promptly notify the claimant and the base period employer submitting the protest of the recomputation or denial of recomputation. An appeal may be taken from a notice of denial of recomputation in the manner prescribed in Section 1328. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 9. Section 1332 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1332. (a) The department shall promptly serve notice of any determination of eligibility for benefits under this part or Part 3 or Part 4 of this division on the claimant and on any employer or employing unit which prior to this determination has furnished the department with information regarding the claimant’s eligibility pursuant to Sections 1327 and 1331. Service shall be made personally or by mail. Failure to serve this notice shall not affect the determination of eligibility.

(1) “Notice” is that notification which apprises the party of a determination of eligibility and allows that party to respond accordingly.

(2) If the department is or should be aware that the notice was not received by the party to whom it was addressed, including, but not limited to, the return to the department of the notice by the United States Post Office, the department shall reissue the notice at such time as the department can determine a corrected mailing address for the affected party or otherwise ensure receipt. The affected party shall have appeal rights pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c), and pursuant to Section 1328.

(b) The department may for good cause reconsider any determination within 15 days after an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed. If no appeal is filed, the department may for good cause reconsider any determination within 20 days after mailing or personal service of the notice of determination. The department may, if a claimant has not filed an appeal to an administrative law judge from any determination that finds that a claimant is ineligible or disqualified, or if an appeal has been filed but is either withdrawn or dismissed, for good cause also reconsider the determination during the benefit year or extended duration period or extended benefit period to which the determination relates. The department shall give notice of any reconsidered determination to the claimant and any employer or employing unit that received notice under Sections 1328 and 1331 and the claimant or employer may appeal therefrom in the manner prescribed in Section 1328.

The director shall designate individuals to review and reconsider appealed determinations. No individual designated shall be the same individual who made the initial determination in the same matter.

(c) The department may for good cause reconsider any computation or recomputation provided for in this article during the benefit year or extended duration period to which the notice of computation or recomputation relates,

except that no recomputation may be considered with respect to any issue considered or under consideration in an appeal taken from a denial of recomputation. The department shall promptly notify the claimant and each of the claimant's base period employers of the recomputation. The claimant and any base period employer may protest the accuracy of the recomputation as prescribed in Section 1330.

(d) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 10. Section 1332 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1332. (a) The department shall promptly serve notice of any determination of eligibility for benefits under this part or Part 3 or Part 4 of this division on the claimant and on any employer or employing unit which prior to this determination has furnished the department with information regarding the claimant's eligibility pursuant to Sections 1327 and 1331. Service shall be made personally or by mail. Failure to serve this notice shall not affect the determination of eligibility.

(1) "Notice" is that notification which apprises the party of a determination of eligibility and allows that party to respond accordingly.

(2) If the department is or should be aware that the notice was not received by the party to whom it was addressed, including, but not limited to, the return to the department of the notice by the United States Post Office, the department shall reissue the notice at such time as the department can determine a corrected mailing address for the affected party or otherwise ensure receipt. The affected party shall have appeal rights pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c), and pursuant to Section 1328.

(b) The department may for good cause reconsider any determination within 15 days after an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed. If no appeal is filed, the department may for good cause reconsider any determination within 30 days after mailing or personal service of the notice of determination. The department may, if a claimant has not filed an appeal to an administrative law judge from any determination that finds that a claimant is ineligible or disqualified, or if an appeal has been filed but is either withdrawn or dismissed, for good cause also reconsider the determination during the benefit year or extended duration period or extended benefit period to which the determination relates. The department shall give notice of any reconsidered determination to the claimant and any employer or employing unit that received notice under Sections 1328 and 1331 and the claimant or employer may appeal therefrom in the manner prescribed in Section 1328.

The director shall designate individuals to review and reconsider appealed determinations. No individual designated shall be the same individual who made the initial determination in the same matter.

(c) The department may for good cause reconsider any computation or recomputation provided for in this article during the benefit year or extended duration period to which the notice of computation or recomputation relates, except that no recomputation may be considered with respect to any issue

considered or under consideration in an appeal taken from a denial of recomputation. The department shall promptly notify the claimant and each of the claimant's base period employers of the recomputation. The claimant and any base period employer may protest the accuracy of the recomputation as prescribed in Section 1330.

(d) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 11. Section 1334 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1334. (a) An administrative law judge after affording a reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall, unless the appeal is withdrawn, affirm, reverse, modify, or set aside any determination that is appealed under this article. The claimant, the employer becoming a party to the appeal by submitting a protest or information pursuant to Sections 1326 to 1333, inclusive, of this article, and the director shall be promptly notified in writing of the administrative law judge's decision, together with reasons for it. The decision shall be final unless, within 20 days after mailing of the decision, further appeal is initiated to the appeals board pursuant to Section 1336. The 20-day limitation may be extended for good cause.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 12. Section 1334 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1334. (a) An administrative law judge after affording a reasonable opportunity for fair hearing, shall, unless the appeal is withdrawn, affirm, reverse, modify, or set aside any determination that is appealed under this article. The claimant, the employer becoming a party to the appeal by submitting a protest or information pursuant to Sections 1326 to 1333, inclusive, of this article, and the director shall be promptly notified in writing of the administrative law judge's decision, together with reasons for it. The decision shall be final unless, within 30 days after mailing of the decision, further appeal is initiated to the appeals board pursuant to Section 1336. The 30-day limitation may be extended for good cause.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 13. Section 1377 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

1377. (a) Within 20 days from the date of mailing or serving of the notice of overpayment, the person affected may file an appeal to an administrative law judge. The director shall be an interested party to any such appeal. The administrative law judge, after affording reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, shall unless the appeal is withdrawn, affirm, reverse, modify, or set aside the findings set forth in the notice of overpayment. The party and the director shall be notified of the administrative law judge's decision, together with his or her reasons therefor,

which shall be final unless within 20 days from the date of notification or mailing of the decision a further appeal is initiated to the appeals board pursuant to Section 1336. The 20-day period for an appeal to the administrative law judge or to the appeals board may be extended for good cause.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 14. Section 1377 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

1377. (a) Within 30 days from the date of mailing or serving of the notice of overpayment, the person affected may file an appeal to an administrative law judge. The director shall be an interested party to any such appeal. The administrative law judge, after affording reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing, shall, unless the appeal is withdrawn, affirm, reverse, modify, or set aside the findings set forth in the notice of overpayment. The party and the director shall be notified of the administrative law judge’s decision, together with his or her reasons therefor, which shall be final unless within 30 days from the date of notification or mailing of the decision a further appeal is initiated to the appeals board pursuant to Section 1336. The 30-day period for an appeal to the administrative law judge or to the appeals board may be extended for good cause.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 15. Section 3654.4 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

3654.4. (a) The department shall consider the facts submitted by an employing unit pursuant to Section 3654.1 and make a determination as to the exhaustee’s eligibility for extended duration benefits under subdivision (e) of Section 3552. The department shall promptly notify the exhaustee and any employing unit who prior to the determination has submitted any facts pursuant to Section 3654.1 of the determination and the reasons therefor. The exhaustee and the employing unit may appeal therefrom to an administrative law judge within 20 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 16. Section 3654.4 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

3654.4. (a) The department shall consider the facts submitted by an employing unit pursuant to Section 3654.1 and make a determination as to

the exhaustee's eligibility for extended duration benefits under subdivision (e) of Section 3552. The department shall promptly notify the exhaustee and any employing unit who prior to the determination has submitted any facts pursuant to Section 3654.1 of the determination and the reasons therefor. The exhaustee and the employing unit may appeal therefrom to an administrative law judge within 30 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 17. Section 3655 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

3655. (a) The Employment Development Department shall consider the facts submitted by an employer pursuant to Section 3654 and, if benefits are claimed subsequent to the filing of the extended duration benefits claim, make a determination as to the exhaustee's eligibility for the extended duration benefits. The Employment Development Department shall promptly notify the exhaustee and any employer who prior to the determination has submitted any facts pursuant to Section 3654 of the determination and the reasons therefor. The exhaustee and this employer may appeal therefrom to an administrative law judge within 20 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause. The Director of Employment Development shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 18. Section 3655 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

3655. (a) The Employment Development Department shall consider the facts submitted by an employer pursuant to Section 3654 and, if benefits are claimed subsequent to the filing of the extended duration benefits claim, make a determination as to the exhaustee's eligibility for the extended duration benefits. The Employment Development Department shall promptly notify the exhaustee and any employer who prior to the determination has submitted any facts pursuant to Section 3654 of the determination and the reasons therefor. The exhaustee and this employer may appeal therefrom to an administrative law judge within 30 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause. The Director of Employment Development shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 19. Section 3656 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

3656. (a) Upon the filing of a valid primary claim by an exhaustee, the department shall promptly make an extended duration award computation that shall set forth the maximum amount of extended duration benefits potentially payable during the extended duration period, the weekly benefit amount, and the expiration date of the extended duration period. The department shall promptly notify the exhaustee of the computation. The exhaustee may, within 20 days after the mailing or personal service of the notice of computation, protest its accuracy. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause. The department shall consider the protest and shall promptly notify the exhaustee of the recomputation or denial of recomputation. An appeal may be taken from a notice of denial of recomputation in the manner prescribed in Section 3655. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 20. Section 3656 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

3656. (a) Upon the filing of a valid primary claim by an exhaustee, the department shall promptly make an extended duration award computation that shall set forth the maximum amount of extended duration benefits potentially payable during the extended duration period, the weekly benefit amount, and the expiration date of the extended duration period. The department shall promptly notify the exhaustee of the computation. The exhaustee may, within 30 days after the mailing or personal service of the notice of computation, protest its accuracy. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause. The department shall consider the protest and shall promptly notify the exhaustee of the recomputation or denial of recomputation. An appeal may be taken from a notice of denial of recomputation in the manner prescribed in Section 3655. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 21. Section 3701 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

3701. (a) (1) An employer that is entitled under Section 3654 to notice of the filing of a primary claim or additional claim and that, within 10 days after mailing of the notice, submits to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the exhaustee left the most recent employment with the employer voluntarily and without good cause or was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work, or whether the claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return

to school at the close of, his or her vacation period, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available, or whether the claimant's discharge or quit from his or her most recent employer was the result of an irresistible compulsion to use or consume intoxicants, including alcoholic beverages, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job, shall be entitled to a ruling as prescribed by this section. The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(2) For purposes of this section, "spouse" includes a person to whom marriage is imminent, and "domestic partner" includes a person to whom a domestic partnership, as described in Section 297 of the Family Code, is imminent.

(b) The department shall consider these facts together with any information in its possession. If the employer is entitled to a determination pursuant to Section 3655, the department shall promptly notify the employer of its ruling as to the cause of the termination of the exhaustee's most recent employment. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to an appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider a ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after the date an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if an appeal is not filed, within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling, except that a ruling or reconsidered ruling that related to a determination that is reconsidered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1332 may also be reconsidered by the department within the time provided for reconsideration of that determination.

(c) For purposes of this section only, if the claimant voluntarily leaves the employer's employ without notification to the employer of the reasons therefor, and if the employer submits all of the facts within its possession concerning the leaving within the applicable time period referred to in this section, the leaving shall be presumed to be without good cause.

(d) An individual whose employment is terminated under the compulsory retirement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement to which the employer is a party shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left his or her employment without good cause.

(e) Rulings under this section shall have the effect prescribed by Section 1032.

(f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 22. Section 3701 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

3701. (a) (1) An employer that is entitled under Section 3654 to notice of the filing of a primary claim or additional claim and that, within 10 days after mailing of the notice, submits to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the exhaustee left the most recent employment with the employer voluntarily and without good cause or was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work, or whether the claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available, or whether the claimant's discharge or quit from his or her most recent employer was the result of an irresistible compulsion to use or consume intoxicants, including alcoholic beverages, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job, shall be entitled to a ruling as prescribed by this section. The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(2) For purposes of this section, "spouse" includes a person to whom marriage is imminent, and "domestic partner" includes a person to whom a domestic partnership, as described in Section 297 of the Family Code, is imminent.

(b) The department shall consider these facts together with any information in its possession. If the employer is entitled to a determination pursuant to Section 3655, the department shall promptly notify the employer of its ruling as to the cause of the termination of the exhaustee's most recent employment. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to an appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider a ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after the date an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if an appeal is not filed, within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling, except that a ruling or reconsidered ruling that related to a determination that is reconsidered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1332 may also be reconsidered by the department within the time provided for reconsideration of that determination.

(c) For purposes of this section only, if the claimant voluntarily leaves the employer's employ without notification to the employer of the reasons therefor, and if the employer submits all of the facts within its possession

concerning the leaving within the applicable time period referred to in this section, the leaving shall be presumed to be without good cause.

(d) An individual whose employment is terminated under the compulsory retirement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement to which the employer is a party shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left his or her employment without good cause.

(e) Rulings under this section shall have the effect prescribed by Section 1032.

(f) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 23. Section 4655 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

4655. (a) The Employment Development Department shall consider the facts submitted by an employer pursuant to Section 4654 and, if benefits are claimed subsequent to the filing of the federal-state extended benefits claim, make a determination as to the individual's eligibility for the federal-state extended benefits. The Employment Development Department shall promptly notify the individual and any employer who prior to the determination has submitted any facts pursuant to Section 4654 of the determination and the reasons therefor. The individual and this employer may appeal therefrom to an administrative law judge within 20 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause. The Director of Employment Development shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 24. Section 4655 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

4655. (a) The Employment Development Department shall consider the facts submitted by an employer pursuant to Section 4654 and, if benefits are claimed subsequent to the filing of the federal-state extended benefits claim, make a determination as to the individual's eligibility for the federal-state extended benefits. The Employment Development Department shall promptly notify the individual and any employer who prior to the determination has submitted any facts pursuant to Section 4654 of the determination and the reasons therefor. The individual and this employer may appeal therefrom to an administrative law judge within 30 days from mailing or personal service of notice of the determination. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause. The Director of Employment Development shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) "Good cause," as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 25. Section 4656 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

4656. (a) Upon the filing of a valid application by an individual, the department shall promptly make a federal-state extended benefit award computation that shall set forth the maximum amount of federal-state extended benefits potentially payable during the extended benefit period, and the weekly benefit amount. The department shall promptly notify the individual of the computation. The individual may, within 20 days after the mailing or personal service of the notice of computation or recomputation, protest its accuracy. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause. The department shall consider this protest and shall promptly notify the individual of the recomputation or denial of recomputation. An appeal may be taken from a notice of denial of recomputation in the manner provided in Section 4655. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 26. Section 4656 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

4656. (a) Upon the filing of a valid application by an individual, the department shall promptly make a federal-state extended benefit award computation that shall set forth the maximum amount of federal-state extended benefits potentially payable during the extended benefit period, and the weekly benefit amount. The department shall promptly notify the individual of the computation. The individual may, within 30 days after the mailing or personal service of the notice of computation or recomputation, protest its accuracy. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause. The department shall consider this protest and shall promptly notify the individual of the recomputation or denial of recomputation. An appeal may be taken from a notice of denial of recomputation in the manner provided in Section 4655. The director shall be an interested party to any appeal.

(b) “Good cause,” as used in this section, shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

SEC. 27. Section 4701 of the Unemployment Insurance Code is amended to read:

4701. (a) (1) An employer that is entitled under Section 4654 to notice of the filing of an application or additional claim and who, within 10 days after mailing of the notice, submits to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the individual left the most recent employment with the employer voluntarily and without good cause or was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work, or whether the claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period, or whether the claimant left the employer’s employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or to join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by

the employer is not available, or whether the claimant's discharge or quit from his or her most recent employer was the result of an irresistible compulsion to use or consume intoxicants, including alcoholic beverages, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job, shall be entitled to a ruling as prescribed by this section. The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(2) For purposes of this section, "spouse" includes a person to whom marriage is imminent, and "domestic partner" includes a person to whom a domestic partnership, as described in Section 297 of the Family Code, is imminent.

(b) The department shall consider the facts together with any information in its possession. If the employer is entitled to a determination pursuant to Section 4655, the department shall promptly issue to the employer its ruling as to the cause of the termination of the individual's most recent employment. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 20-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to an appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider a ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after the date an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if no appeal is filed, within 20 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling, except that a ruling or reconsidered ruling that relates to a determination that is reconsidered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1332 may also be reconsidered by the department within the time provided for reconsideration of that determination.

(c) For purposes of this section only, if the claimant voluntarily leaves the employer's employ without notification to the employer of the reasons therefor, and if the employer submits all of the facts within its possession concerning the leaving within the applicable time period referred to in this section, the leaving shall be presumed to be without good cause.

(d) An individual whose employment is terminated under the compulsory retirement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement to which the employer is a party shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left his or her employment without good cause.

(e) Rulings under this section shall have the effect prescribed by Section 1032.

(f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2015, and, as of January 1, 2016, is repealed.

SEC. 28. Section 4701 is added to the Unemployment Insurance Code, to read:

4701. (a) (1) An employer that is entitled under Section 4654 to notice of the filing of an application or additional claim and who, within 10 days

after mailing of the notice, submits to the department any facts within its possession disclosing whether the individual left the most recent employment with the employer voluntarily and without good cause or was discharged from the employment for misconduct connected with his or her work, or whether the claimant was a student employed on a temporary basis and whose employment began within, and ended with his or her leaving to return to school at the close of, his or her vacation period, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to accompany his or her spouse or domestic partner to a place or to join him or her at a place from which it is impractical to commute to the employment, and to which a transfer of the claimant by the employer is not available, or whether the claimant's discharge or quit from his or her most recent employer was the result of an irresistible compulsion to use or consume intoxicants, including alcoholic beverages, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to protect his or her family or himself or herself from domestic violence abuse, or whether the claimant left the employer's employ to take a substantially better job, shall be entitled to a ruling as prescribed by this section. The period during which the employer may submit these facts may be extended by the director for good cause.

(2) For purposes of this section, "spouse" includes a person to whom marriage is imminent, and "domestic partner" includes a person to whom a domestic partnership, as described in Section 297 of the Family Code, is imminent.

(b) The department shall consider the facts together with any information in its possession. If the employer is entitled to a determination pursuant to Section 4655, the department shall promptly issue to the employer its ruling as to the cause of the termination of the individual's most recent employment. The employer may appeal from a ruling or reconsidered ruling to an administrative law judge within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling. The 30-day period may be extended for good cause, which shall include, but not be limited to, mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect. The director shall be an interested party to an appeal. The department may for good cause reconsider a ruling or reconsidered ruling within either five days after the date an appeal to an administrative law judge is filed or, if no appeal is filed, within 30 days after mailing or personal service of notice of the ruling or reconsidered ruling, except that a ruling or reconsidered ruling that relates to a determination that is reconsidered pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1332 may also be reconsidered by the department within the time provided for reconsideration of that determination.

(c) For purposes of this section only, if the claimant voluntarily leaves the employer's employ without notification to the employer of the reasons therefor, and if the employer submits all of the facts within its possession concerning the leaving within the applicable time period referred to in this section, the leaving shall be presumed to be without good cause.

(d) An individual whose employment is terminated under the compulsory retirement provisions of a collective bargaining agreement to which the

employer is a party shall not be deemed to have voluntarily left his or her employment without good cause.

(e) Rulings under this section shall have the effect prescribed by Section 1032.

(f) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2015.

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