

# CHAPTER 2005-209

## House Bill No. 1693

An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; providing an exemption for special deputies from uniform rules of procedure; amending s. 443.071, F.S.; providing penalties for false employer schemes; providing the requirements for establishing prima facie evidence; authorizing certain access to records relating to investigations of unemployment compensation fraud; amending s. 443.091, F.S.; clarifying benefit eligibility; amending s. 443.1216, F.S.; clarifying the persons that employee leasing companies may lease to a client; clarifying the exemption of certain service from the definition of employment; amending s. 443.1217, F.S.; clarifying exempt wages for the purpose of determining employer contributions; amending s. 443.131, F.S.; revising the definition of “total excess payments”; prohibiting the transfer of unemployment experience by acquisition of a business in certain cases; providing for calculation of unemployment experience rating; providing penalties; amending s. 443.151, F.S.; providing for dismissal of untimely filed appeals; extending a deadline for recoupment of benefits; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the definition of “racketeering activity”; reenacting ss. 16.56(1)(a), 655.50(3)(g), 896.101(2)(g), and 905.34(3), F.S., relating to the Office of Statewide Prosecution, the Florida Control of Money Laundering in Financial Institutions Act, the Florida Money Laundering Act, and the powers and duties of a statewide grand jury, respectively, to incorporate the amendment to s. 895.02, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (10) of section 120.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(10) AGENCY FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION.—

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(5), the uniform rules of procedure do not apply to appeal proceedings conducted under chapter 443 by the Unemployment Appeals Commission, special deputies, or unemployment appeals referees.

Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2005.

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