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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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District 39 (Bergen)

SYNOPSIS

Imposes criminal penalties for workers' compensation fraud.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

An Act imposing criminal penalties for workers' compensation fraud and supplementing chapter 15 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes.

Be It Enacted *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Any claimant who willfully obtains or attempts to obtain benefits pursuant to R.S.34:15-1 et seq., by knowingly making, when making that claim, a false statement or representation concerning any fact which is material to that claim for the purpose of obtaining those benefits shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. Upon conviction for the violation, the division shall also order the immediate termination or denial of benefits provided pursuant to R.S.34:15-1 et seq. with respect to that claim and a forfeiture of all rights of compensation or payments sought with respect to the claim.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides that any workers' compensation claimant who willfully obtains or attempts to obtain benefits by knowingly making, when making that claim, a false statement or representation concerning any fact which is material to that claim for the purpose of obtaining benefits shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. The bill also requires the Division of Workers' Compensation to order the immediate termination or denial of benefits with respect to that claim and a forfeiture of all rights of compensation or payments sought with respect to the claim.