

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1156

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## AN ACT

To amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Pandemic Unemploy-  
3 ment Fraud Enforcement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR**  
5 **FRAUD BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER CERTAIN UN-**  
6 **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.**

7       (a) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—Sec-  
8 tion 2102 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9021) is amend-  
9 ed—

10           (1) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-  
11 section (i); and

12           (2) by inserting after subsection (g) the fol-  
13 lowing new subsection:

14       “(h) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

15           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
16 provision of law and subject to paragraph (2), any  
17 criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action for  
18 a violation of, or conspiracy to violate, section 371,  
19 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956,  
20 or 1957 of title 18, United States Code, or section  
21 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with  
22 respect to any unemployment compensation claim  
23 funded in whole or in part by pandemic unemploy-  
24 ment assistance under this section shall be brought  
25 not later than 10 years after the date of the viola-  
26 tion or conspiracy.

1           “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not  
2       apply with respect to a criminal prosecution or civil  
3       enforcement action if the statute of limitations appli-  
4       cable to such criminal prosecution or civil enforce-  
5       ment action expired prior to the date of enactment  
6       of the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement  
7       Act.”.

8       (b) FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COM-  
9       PENSATION AND MIXED EARNER UNEMPLOYMENT COM-  
10      PENSATION.—Section 2104(f) of the CARES Act (15  
11      U.S.C. 9023(f)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12      lowing new paragraph:

13           “(5) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

14           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
15       other provision of law and subject to subpara-  
16       graph (B), any criminal prosecution or civil en-  
17       forcement action for a violation of, or con-  
18       spiracy to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A,  
19       1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957  
20       of title 18, United States Code, or section 3729  
21       or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with  
22       respect to any unemployment compensation  
23       claim funded in whole or in part by Federal  
24       Pandemic Unemployment Compensation or  
25       Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation

under this section shall be brought not later than 10 years after the date of the violation or conspiracy.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to a criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action if the statute of limitations applicable to such criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action expired prior to the date of enactment of the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act.”.

(c) PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.—Section 2107(e) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9025(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subparagraph (B), any criminal prosecution or civil enforcement action for a violation of, or conspiracy to violate, section 371, 641, 1028A, 1029, 1341, 1343, 1344, 1349, 1956, or 1957 of title 18, United States Code, or section 3729 or 3801 of title 31, United States Code, with respect to any unemployment compensation claim funded in whole or in part by Pandemic

1           Emergency Unemployment Compensation under  
2           this section shall be brought not later than 10  
3           years after the date of the violation or con-  
4           spiracy.

5           “(B)    EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph    (A)  
6           shall not apply with respect to a criminal pros-  
7           ecution or civil enforcement action if the statute  
8           of limitations applicable to such criminal pros-  
9           ecution or civil enforcement action expired prior  
10          to the date of enactment of the Pandemic Un-  
11          employment Fraud Enforcement Act.”.

12   **SEC. 3. BUDGET OFFSET.**

13          Out of the unobligated balances of amounts made  
14          available by section 2118(a) of title II of division A of  
15          Public Law 116-136, as added by section 9032 of Public  
16          Law 117-2, \$5,000,000 are hereby rescinded.

17   **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18          The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
19          on the date of enactment of this Act.

          Passed the House of Representatives March 11,  
2025.

Attest:

*Clerk.*

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