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AN ACT

**AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY TO IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE
BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
FEDERAL-STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Unemployment compensation; coronavirus disease
3 2019; alternative requirements; rulemaking
4 exemption

5 A. Notwithstanding title 23, chapter 4, Arizona Revised Statutes,
6 the department of economic security may implement alternative benefit
7 eligibility and employer contribution requirements for the federal-state
8 unemployment insurance program established pursuant to title 23, chapter
9 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, consistent with the federal guidance issued
10 by the United States department of labor through unemployment insurance
11 program letter number 10-20, for individuals and employers who are
12 affected by a declaration of emergency related to the coronavirus disease
13 2019. The department may adopt rules necessary to administer this
14 section.

15 B. For the purposes of this section, the department of economic
16 security is exempt from the requirements of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona
17 Revised Statutes, during the emergency declaration period.

18 Sec. 2. Intent

19 In response to the declaration of emergency and executive order
20 issued on March 11, 2020 and federal guidance issued by the United States
21 department of labor in unemployment insurance program letter number 10-20,
22 the legislature intends that the authority granted to the department of
23 economic security in section 1 of this act provide additional resources
24 and flexibility for the unemployment insurance program for individuals and
25 businesses affected by coronavirus disease 2019.

26 Sec. 3. Retroactivity

27 This act applies retroactively to from and after March 10, 2020.

28 Sec. 4. Emergency

29 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
30 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
31 law.