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To require recipients of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance to provide employment documentation, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BUCK, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. BOST, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. WESTERMAN, and Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pandemic Unemploy-
5 ment Assistance Integrity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102(a) of the Relief for
8 Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in sub-

1 title A of title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public
2 Law 116–136)) is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at
6 the end; and

7 (ii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
8 following:

9 “(iii) provides documentation substan-
10 tiating employment or self-employment or
11 the planned commencement of employment
12 or self-employment not later than 21 days
13 after the date on which the individual sub-
14 mits an application for assistance under
15 this section or is directed by the State
16 Agency to submit such documentation or
17 has shown good cause under the applicable
18 State law for failing to submit such docu-
19 mentation by the deadline, in accordance
20 with section 625.6(e) of title 20, Code of
21 Federal Regulations, or any successor
22 thereto, except that such documentation
23 shall not be required if the individual pre-
24 viously submitted such information to the
25 State agency for the purpose of obtaining

1 regular or other unemployment compensa-
 2 tion; and”; and

3 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (i) in clause (i), by striking “or” at
 5 the end;

6 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
 7 riod at the end and inserting “; or”; and

8 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 “(iii) in accordance with section
 11 625.6(e)(2) of title 20, Code of Federal
 12 Regulations, or any successor thereto, an
 13 individual who does not provide docu-
 14 mentation substantiating employment or
 15 self-employment or the planned commence-
 16 ment of employment or self-employment
 17 under subparagraph (A)(iii).”;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
 19 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
 21 lowing:

22 “(4) DOCUMENTATION SUBSTANTIATING EM-
 23 PLOYMENT OR SELF-EMPLOYMENT OR THE
 24 PLANNED COMMENCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OR
 25 SELF-EMPLOYMENT.—The term ‘documentation sub-

1 substantiating employment or self-employment or the
2 planned commencement of employment or self-em-
3 ployment’ means documentation provided by the in-
4 dividual substantiating employment or self-employ-
5 ment and wages earned or paid for such employment
6 or self-employment, or such information related to
7 the planned commencement of employment or self-
8 employment.”.

9 (b) APPLICABILITY.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 30
11 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each
12 State shall require that documentation substan-
13 tiating employment or self-employment or the
14 planned commencement of employment or self-em-
15 ployment (as defined in section 2102 of the Relief
16 for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained
17 in subtitle A of title II of division A of the CARES
18 Act (Public Law 116–136)) be submitted by any in-
19 dividual who applies for pandemic unemployment as-
20 sistance under section 2102 of the Relief for Work-
21 ers Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in sub-
22 title A of title II of division A of the CARES Act
23 (Public Law 116–136)) on or after the date of en-
24 actment of this Act.

1 (2) PRIOR APPLICANTS.—Any individual who
2 applied for pandemic unemployment assistance
3 under section 2102 of the Relief for Workers Af-
4 fected by Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of
5 title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law
6 116–136)) before the date of enactment of this Act
7 and receives such assistance on or after the date of
8 enactment of this Act shall submit documentation
9 substantiating employment or self-employment or
10 the planned commencement of employment or self-
11 employment (as defined in such section 2102) not
12 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of
13 this Act or the individual will be ineligible to receive
14 pandemic unemployment assistance under such sec-
15 tion 2102.

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