

HOUSE BILL NO. 6281

September 29, 2020, Introduced by Reps. Alexander, Yarocho, Leutheuser, Kahle, Wozniak and Whitsett and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled
"Michigan employment security act,"
(MCL 421.1 to 421.75) by adding section 32c.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 32c. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act,
2 the unemployment agency shall examine a claim for benefits, make a
3 determination on the facts, and begin paying benefits to the
4 claimant within 7 business days after it receives the claim. If the
5 unemployment agency does not begin paying benefits within the 7-day
6 period, interest at the rate calculated under section 23 of 1941 PA



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1 122, MCL 205.23, begins accruing on the total amount of benefits
2 due the claimant and continues to accrue until the date the
3 unemployment agency makes the first benefit payment on the claim.
4 The interest accrued is due the claimant, is in addition to any
5 benefits for which the claimant is eligible under this act, and
6 does not constitute a benefit under this act. Interest payments
7 made under this subsection must not be made from the compensation
8 fund or the contingent fund and do not affect an employer's
9 contribution rate.

10 (2) The section is retroactive and applies to a claim for
11 benefits submitted on or after March 10, 2020.

