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# An Act

SENATE BILL 08-204

BY SENATOR(S) Veiga;  
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CONCERNING AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT DECISIONS BE  
ISSUED ON EVERY CLAIM SUBMITTED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 8-74-102 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**8-74-102. Deputy's decision.** (1) Upon receipt of a claim, the division shall notify any other interested parties of the claim by mail or electronic means in accordance with such rules as the director of the division may promulgate. Such interested parties shall be afforded twelve calendar days after the date of such notice of the claim to present any information pertinent to the claim by mail, telephone, or electronic means in accordance with such rules as the director of the division may promulgate. Such information shall be received by the division within twelve calendar days after said date. If the twelfth calendar day falls on a weekend or a state holiday, such date shall be moved to the first working day immediately following such weekend or holiday. The interested party may present information out of time only if good cause is shown. A deputy

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

to be designated by the director of the division shall promptly examine all materials submitted. Whenever information submitted is not clearly adequate to substantiate a decision, the deputy shall promptly seek the necessary information. If it is necessary to obtain information by mail from any source, the information shall be received by the division no later than seven calendar days after the date of the request for information. On the basis of the deputy's review, the deputy shall determine the validity of the claim and, if valid, when payment shall commence, the amount payable, and the duration of payment. The deputy shall issue a decision in all cases, even if the claimant has insufficient qualifying wages, unless the interested employer did not receive notice of the claim, except when the separation from employment is due to a lack of work and no alleged disqualifying circumstances are indicated, OR UNLESS THE CLAIMANT DID NOT FILE A CONTINUED CLAIM. The deputy's decision shall set forth findings of fact, conclusions of law, and an order. The division shall promptly provide all interested parties with copies of the deputy's decision.

**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 6, 2008, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2008); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to claims received by the division of employment and training on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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