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## DIGEST

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HB No. 1199

**Abstract:** Provides for changes in regulation of employment services.

Present law provides that when a written complaint against an employment service licensee is filed alleging violations of present law, the allegation may be served on the licensee by personal delivery or by registered mail. Present law also provides that any act or omission in violation of present law shall carry a fine not to exceed \$500, suspension of the license for a period of not more than one year, or revocation of license.

Proposed law changes present law by providing that violations by the licensee may result in a fine not to exceed \$500 per violation.

Present law provides that if the assistant secretary determines that an applicant is entitled to a refund pursuant to present law, the assistant secretary is authorized to issue an order to the employment service requiring the refund to be made.

Proposed law provides that should an applicant be entitled to a refund the director shall issue an order to the employment service requiring a refund be made.

Proposed law provides that any applicant injured by an employment service, his agents, or employees while acting within the scope of his employment by reason of misstatement, misrepresentation, fraud or deceit, or other unlawful act shall have the right to seek recovery of amounts paid by the applicant to the employment service plus damages not to exceed 25% of the fee paid. Further provides for other relief including attorney fees.

Present law provides that employment services shall not engage in certain prohibited conduct.

Proposed law adds to present law by providing that an employment service may not charge an applicant a fee when employment is procured with a governmental employer.

Proposed law changes present law by providing for a fine for each violation.

Present law provides that a person acting as an employment service without a license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law changes present law by providing that the an unlicensed person shall be punished

with a fine of not more than \$1,000 per violation.

(Amends R.S. 23:108(B)(1) and (C), 111(C)(10) and (11) and (F), and 113; Adds R.S. 23:108(F) and 111(C)(12))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations to the original bill.

1. Made technical changes.