

Existing law provides that the La. Workforce Commission (LWC) may enforce the collection of overpayment of unemployment compensation benefits by means of assessment and executory procedure.

Existing law provides that after an exhaustion or prescription of appeal rights of an obligor, LWC may file with the Dept. of Revenue against any income tax refund, to collect overpayment.

New law provides definitions to be used throughout new law.

New law provides that LWC may notify an obligor by certified mail of an overpayment delinquency and the intention of LWC to submit the obligor's name to the licensing agency for a suspension of license.

New law provides in the notice of delinquency, LWC shall also notify the obligor where he can file an objection of the suspension of his license, the amount the obligor owes, and what the obligor must do to bring himself into compliance.

New law provides the procedure to the license suspension, which includes a written objection if the obligor wishes to object, an administrative hearing, a certification of noncompliance, and the suspension of the license.

New law provides the time periods for the suspension and reinstatement of a license.

New law provides that the certification of noncompliance and the compliance release certificate may be issued electronically.

New law provides that upon payment of any delinquencies, LWC shall issue a compliance release certificate which shall indicate that the obligor is eligible to have his license reissued.

New law provides that the licensing authority shall issue, reissue, renew, or otherwise extend the obligor's license upon receipt of the compliance release certificate.

Existing law (R.S. 56:647) provides for the suspension or denial of a hunting or fishing license for failure to pay child support or individual income tax.

New law retains existing law and further provides for the suspension or denial of a recreational hunting or fishing license for failure to pay an unemployment compensation overpayment obligation.

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(Amends R.S. 56:647(A) and (B); Adds R.S. 23:1749.1-1749.8)