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1   **HOUSE BILL NO. 1707**
2   House Amendments in [ ] — January 29, 2013
3 *A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 60.2 a section*
4   *numbered 60.2-636, relating to notices of penalties for fraudulent claims for unemployment*
5   *compensation benefits.*
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8   Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor
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10   **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**
11 **1.   That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 6 of Chapter 6 of Title 60.2 a**
12 **section numbered 60.2-636 as follows:**
13   *§ 60.2-636. Notice of penalties for false or misleading statements.*
14   *A. The Commission shall provide to each claimant notices of the sanctions to which the claimant is*
15 *subject as a consequence of providing false or misleading statements to obtain unemployment benefits.*
16 *The notices shall, at a minimum, (i) identify the penalties and sanctions to which any person is liable as*
17 *a result of providing false or misleading statements to obtain benefits; (ii) inform the claimant that*
18 *making a false statement or representation knowing it to be false or knowingly failing to disclose a*
19 *material fact, with intent to obtain or increase any benefit or other payment under this title, [~~the~~*
20 *~~unemployment compensation act of any other state, or any program of the federal government,~~] is*
21 *punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor; and (iii) provide a summary of all remedies available to the*
22 *Commission to collect overpayments made to a claimant as a result of his making false or misleading*
23 *statements to obtain benefits.*
24   *B. The notices required by subsection A shall be included with the written statement advising*
25 *claimants of their benefit rights and responsibilities that is provided by the Commission to claimants*
26 *following the filing of the initial claim. In addition, the notices shall be provided to claimants at the*
27 *time of the filing of initial and weekly claims by the same medium, including telephone or the Internet,*
28 *that is used by the claimant to file his claim.*