IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

CHARLES A SIRNA Claimant

APPEAL NO. 22A-UI-08577-B2T

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

OC: 04/26/20 Claimant: Appellant (1)

Fed Law PL 116-136 § 2107 – Overpayment of PEUC

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Claimant appealed a representative's decision dated March 30, 2022, reference 02, that concluded claimant was overpaid PEUC benefits as a result of a disqualification decision. A hearing was scheduled and held on May 17, 2022 pursuant to due notice. Claimant did participate.

ISSUES:

Whether claimant is overpaid PEUC unemployment insurance benefits?

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The administrative law judge, having considered all of the evidence in the record, finds that: The overpayment issue in this case was created by a ruling claimant was improperly paid state and federal unemployment benefits. Claimant was deemed to have been overpaid \$1,398.00 in PEUC unemployment benefits for the three weeks ending August 1, 2020. Claimant admitted to receiving these payments.

Claimant was found to be ineligible for unemployment benefits after the date of July 12, 2020 in case 22A-UI-08576-B2-T.

REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

PL 116-136 Sec 2107 provides in pertinent part:

PANDEMIC EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(e) FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.— (1) IN GENERAL.—If an individual knowingly has made, or caused to be made by another, a false statement or representation of a material fact, or knowingly has failed, or caused another to fail, to disclose a material fact, and as a result of such false statement or representation or of such nondisclosure such individual has received an amount of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under this section to which such individual was not entitled, such individual— (A) shall be ineligible for further pandemic

emergency unemployment compensation under this section in accordance with the provisions of the applicable State unemployment compensation law relating to fraud in connection with a claim for unemployment compensation; and (B) shall be subject to prosecution under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code. (2) REPAYMENT.—In the case of individuals who have received amounts of pandemic emergency unemployment compensation under this section to which they were not entitled, the State shall require such individuals to repay the amounts of such pandemic emergency unemployment if it determines that— (A) the payment of such pandemic emergency unemployment compensation was without fault on the part of any such individual; and (B) such repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience.

The administrative law judge concludes that claimant was overpaid PEUC unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,398.00 for the three weeks ending August 1, 2020, pursuant to Fed Law PL 116-136 § 2107 as the disqualification decision that created the overpayment decision has now been affirmed.

DECISION:

The decision of the representative dated March 30, 2022, reference 02, is affirmed. Claimant was overpaid unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,398.00.

Blair A. Bennett Administrative Law Judge

June 29, 2022 Decision Dated and Mailed

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NOTE TO CLAIMANT:

- This decision determines you have been overpaid PEUC benefits. If you disagree with this decision, you may file an appeal to the Employment Appeal Board by following the instructions on the first page of this decision.
- You may also request a waiver of this overpayment. The written request must include the following information:
 - 1. Claimant name & address.
 - 2. Decision number/date of decision.
 - 3. Dollar amount of overpayment requested for waiver.
 - 4. Relevant facts that you feel would justify a waiver.
- The request should be sent to:

Iowa Workforce Development Overpayment waiver request 1000 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50319

- This Information can also be found on the Iowa Workforce Development website at: <u>https://www.iowaworkforcedevelopment.gov/unemployment-insurance-overpayment-and-recovery</u>.
- If this decision becomes final and you are not eligible for a waiver, you will have to repay the benefits you received.