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**HOUSE BILL 337 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

COLUMBUS – Today, Gov. John R. Kasich signed into law House Bill 337 (Rosenberger) which makes changes in the law governing commercial drivers' licenses, including hazardous material endorsements, medical certification requirements, disqualifications, and conviction records. Further, it establishes texting-while-driving as a serious traffic violation for commercial drivers, excludes certain components from the prohibited length dimensions of specified types of vehicles, revises the law governing self-sufficiency contracts established under the Ohio Works First program.

Additionally, this legislation allows more than 20,000 eligible Ohioans to continue to receive state extended unemployment benefits. These individuals are Ohio's long term unemployed who are in the final 20 weeks of the total 99 maximum weeks of benefits currently allowable.

HB 337 accomplishes this by allowing Ohio to extend the three-year look-back period for as long as federal law allows, and as long as there is 100 percent federal funding for these benefits. No state funds are used to pay these benefits and Ohio's private employers will not be charged for these State Extended Benefits.

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