

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

To The Alabama Senate
Alabama State House
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a message from the Governor returning Senate Bill 150 without the Governor's signature and with a proposed executive amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM G. PARKER, JR.,
General Counsel.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I received Senate Bill 150 and believe that the bill should be amended to ensure that Alabama's unemployment-compensation law maintains conformity with federal unemployment compensation requirements. Specifically, the United States Department of Labor has advised my Administration that Senate Bill 150's proposed exclusion of "marketplace contractors" from unemployment-compensation coverage may not extend to services performed through a marketplace platform established by a state or local government entity, a federally recognized Indian tribe, or a certain type of nonprofit organization.

If Senate Bill 150 becomes law without an amendment to resolve this issue, then the United States Department of Labor could begin taking steps to terminate Alabama's unemployment compensation program through the withholding of federal funding.

For this reason, and at the request of the bill sponsor, I am returning Senate Bill 150 to you, the body in which it

originated, without my signature and with the below executive amendment.

EXECUTIVE AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NUMBER 150:

Please amend Senate Bill 150 by inserting the following on page 31 after line 2:

"e. This subdivision shall not apply to services performed for state and local government entities, or federally recognized Indian tribes provided such services are excluded from employment as defined in 26 U.S.C. §§ 3301 to 3311, or services performed in the employment of a religious, charitable, educational, or other 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) organization, all as described in 26 U.S.C. § 3306 (c)(7) or (8)."

According to the United States Department of Labor, adoption of the above-suggested amendment will secure conformity with federal unemployment-compensation law.

Respectfully submitted,

KAY IVEY,
Governor.