

AN ACT concerning unemployment insurance.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by
changing Section 1200 as follows:

(820 ILCS 405/1200) (from Ch. 48, par. 530)

Sec. 1200. Compensation of attorneys.

No fee shall be charged any claimant in any proceeding
under this Act by the Director or his representatives, or by
the Referees or Board of Review, or by any court or the
clerks thereof except as provided herein.

Any individual claiming benefits in any proceeding before
the Director or his representative, or the Referee or the
Board of Review, or his or its representatives, or a court,
may be represented by counsel or other duly authorized agent;
but no such counsel or agents shall either charge or receive
for such services more than an amount approved by the Board
of Review or, in cases arising under Section 604, by the
Director.

After reasonable notice and a hearing before the
Department's representative, any attorney found to be in
violation of any provision of this Section shall be required
to make restitution of any excess fees charged plus interest
at a reasonable rate as determined by the Department's
representative.

~~Any person who shall exact or receive any remuneration or
gratuity for any services rendered on behalf of such claimant
except as allowed by this Section and in an amount approved
by the Board of Review or the Director, as the case may be,
shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Any person who
shall solicit the business of appearing on behalf of such~~

claimant--or--who--shall--make--it--a--business--to--solicit
employment--for--another--in--connection--with--any--claim--for
benefits--under--this--Act--shall--be--guilty--of--a--Class--A
misdemeanor.

(Source: P.A. 77-2830.)