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**(Wyo.)-Gov. Matt Mead Vetoes Unemployment Benefits Bill**



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead has vetoed a bill he says would have made it easier for employers to deny unemployment benefits to terminated workers.

The veto is Mead's first since taking office more than two years ago. Mead says the bill could have allowed denial of unemployment insurance payments to any discharged worker.

The Equality State Policy Center and the Wyoming State AFL-CIO had urged Mead to veto the bill. They said it would have allowed employers to deny benefits to workers fired for unintentional violations of company policies.

Casper Republican Representative Tom Reeder sponsored the bill. He says he's disappointed with Mead's veto and hopes the Legislature will revisit the issue.

Reeder says his intention was to give employers and employees a clear definition of workplace misconduct.