

**GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT UPON SIGNING
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 4118
(First Reprint)**

Assembly Bill No. 4118 (First Reprint), which I have signed today, will permit individuals to submit temporary disability and family leave insurance claims related to pregnancy, childbirth, and child care prior to the start of a known period of leave. This adjustment will help expedite the processing of benefits claims and ensure that workers receive timely financial backing.

I commend the Legislature for working to address the difficult challenges facing these workers in our State. I further appreciate the Legislature's willingness to afford the Department of Labor and Workforce Development additional time to execute this important initiative. In light of its significance, I am committed to ensuring that this measure is implemented as expeditiously as possible.

Date: October 4, 2018

/s/ Philip D. Murphy

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Matthew J. Platkin

Chief Counsel to the Governor