

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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11 Representative(s) Meadows, Fields, Frankel Romeo, Wiles,
12 Joyner, Henriquez, Kosmas, Bucher, Gannon, Ryan, Wishner,
13 Cusack, Peterman, Seiler, Richardson, Greenstein, Ausley,
14 Harper, Weissman and Siplin offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 25, line 25 of the bill

insert:

Section 30. In order to implement specific appropriations 2195-2202 of the 2002-2003 General Appropriations Act, subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 443.111, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

443.111 Payment of benefits.--

(3)(a) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.--An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be an amount equal to one twentieth-sixth of the total wages for insured work paid during that quarter of the base period in which such total wages paid were the highest, but not less than \$32 or more than \$275. For claims with benefit years beginning January 1, 2000, through December

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1 31, 2000, an additional 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount
2 shall be added for the first 8 compensable weeks of benefits
3 paid, not to exceed \$288. Such weekly benefit amount, if not a
4 multiple of \$1, shall be rounded downward to the nearest full
5 dollar amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in effect at
6 the time the claimant establishes an individual weekly benefit
7 amount shall be the maximum benefit amount applicable
8 throughout the claimant's benefit year.

9 (b) For fiscal year 2002-2003 only, and
10 notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a), an
11 individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be an amount equal
12 to one twentieth-sixth of the total wages for insured work paid
13 during that quarter of the base period in which such total
14 wages paid were the highest, but not less than \$32 or more
15 that \$275. For claims with benefit years beginning October 1,
16 2002, through June 30, 2003, an additional amount equal to \$25
17 or 15 percent of the weekly benefit amount, whichever is
18 greater, shall be added for each compensable week of benefits
19 paid, not to exceed \$316. Such weekly benefit amount, if not
20 a multiple of \$1, shall be rounded downward to the nearest
21 full dollar amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in
22 effect at the time the claimant establishes an individual
23 weekly benefit amount shall be the maximum benefit amount
24 applicable throughout the claimant's benefit year. This
25 paragraph expires July 1, 2003.

26 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.--

27 (a)1.a. Any otherwise eligible individual shall be
28 entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits
29 equal to 25 percent of the total wages in the base period, not
30 to exceed \$7,150. For claims with benefit years beginning
31 January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000, an additional

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1 amount equal to 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount
2 multiplied by 8 shall be added to the calculated total amount
3 of benefits, the sum of which may not exceed \$7,254. However,
4 such total amount of benefits, if not a multiple of \$1, shall
5 be rounded downward to the nearest full dollar amount. Such
6 benefits shall be payable at a weekly rate no greater than
7 the weekly benefit amount.

8 b. For fiscal year 2002-2003 only, and notwithstanding
9 the requirements of sub-subparagraph a., any otherwise
10 eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year
11 to a total amount of benefits equal to 25 percent of the total
12 wages in the base period, not to exceed \$7,150. For claims
13 with benefit years beginning October 1, 2002, through June 30,
14 2003, an additional amount equal to \$650 or 15 percent of the
15 weekly benefit amount multiplied by 26, whichever is greater,
16 shall be added to the calculated total amount of benefits, the
17 sum of which may not exceed \$8,216. However, such total
18 amount of benefits, if no a multiple of \$1, shall be rounded
19 downward to the nearest full dollar amount. Such benefits
20 shall be payable at a weekly rate not greater than the weekly
21 benefit amount. This sub-subparagraph expires on July 1,
22 2003.

23 2. For the purposes of this subsection, wages shall be
24 counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes with
25 respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins
26 subsequent to the date on which the employing unit by whom
27 such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of this
28 chapter with respect to becoming an employer.
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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 2, line 4, after the semicolon

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5 insert:

6 amending s. 443.111, F.S.; providing, for a
7 limited time period, an increase in weekly
8 unemployment compensation benefit amounts and
9 the total amount of benefits;

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