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Amendment No. Barcode 273624

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Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following **substitute for amendment** (980074):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 92, between lines 3 and 4,

insert:

Section 31. 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) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.--

(a) An individual's "weekly benefit amount" ~~is shall~~ be an amount equal to one twenty-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. This amount may also be cited as the "base benefit amount."

(b) For fiscal year 2002-2003 only, with respect to

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1 claims with benefit years beginning October 1, 2002, through
 2 June 30, 2004, the weekly benefit amount is increased by an
 3 amount equal to \$25 or 15 ~~January 1, 2000, through December~~
 4 ~~31, 2000, an additional 5~~ percent of the base weekly benefit
 5 amount ~~shall be added~~ for each compensable week ~~the first 8~~
 6 ~~compensable weeks~~ of benefits paid, not to exceed ~~\$316~~\$288.
 7 This paragraph expires July 1, 2003.

8 (c) The ~~Such~~ weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple
 9 of \$1, is ~~shall be~~ rounded downward to the nearest full dollar
 10 amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in effect at the
 11 time the claimant establishes an individual weekly benefit
 12 amount is ~~shall be~~ the maximum benefit amount applicable
 13 throughout the claimant's benefit year.

14 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.--

15 (a)1. Any otherwise eligible individual shall be
 16 entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits
 17 equal to 25 percent of the total wages in the base period, not
 18 to exceed \$7,150. This amount may be cited as the "base amount
 19 of benefits."

20 2. For fiscal year 2002-2003 only, with respect to
 21 claims with benefit years beginning October 1, 2002, through
 22 June 30, 2004, the total amount of benefits is increased by
 23 ~~January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000,~~an additional
 24 amount equal to ~~\$25 or 15~~ 5 percent of the base weekly benefit
 25 amount, whichever is greater, multiplied by the individual's
 26 number of benefit weeks ~~8 shall be added to the calculated~~
 27 ~~total amount of benefits, the sum of which may not to exceed~~
 28 ~~\$8,216~~\$7,254. For purposes of this subparagraph, an
 29 individual's number of benefit weeks is calculated by dividing
 30 the individual's base amount of benefits in subparagraph 1. by
 31 the individual's base benefit amount in paragraph (3)(a). The

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1 number of benefit weeks shall be computed to the third decimal
2 place and rounded to the second decimal place. This
3 subparagraph expires July 1, 2003.

4 3. ~~The However, such~~ total amount of benefits, if not
5 a multiple of \$1, is ~~shall be~~ rounded downward to the nearest
6 full dollar amount. ~~These~~ Such benefits are ~~shall be~~ payable
7 at a weekly rate no greater than the weekly benefit amount.

8 4.2. For the purposes of this subsection, wages shall
9 be counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes
10 with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year
11 begins subsequent to the date on which the employing unit by
12 whom such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of this
13 chapter with respect to becoming an employer.

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15 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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18 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 On page 3, line 24, after the semicolon,

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22 insert:

23 amending s. 443.111, F.S.; providing, for a
24 limited time period, an increase in weekly
25 unemployment compensation benefit amounts and
26 the total amount of benefits;

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