

Bill No. SB 2502

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ Barcode 980074

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 92, between lines 3 and 4,

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16 insert:

17 Section 31. In order to implement specific

18 appropriations 2195-2202 of the 2002-2003 General

19 Appropriations Act, subsection (3) and paragraph (a) of

20 subsection (5) of section 443.111, Florida Statutes, are

21 amended to read:

22 443.111 Payment of benefits.--

23 (3) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.--

24 (a) An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be

25 an amount equal to one twenty-sixth of the total wages for

26 insured work paid during that quarter of the base period in

27 which such total wages paid were the highest, but not less

28 than \$32 or more than \$275. For claims with benefit years

29 beginning January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000, an

30 additional 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount shall be

31 added for the first 8 compensable weeks of benefits paid, not

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1 to exceed \$288. Such weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple  
2 of \$1, shall be rounded downward to the nearest full dollar  
3 amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in effect at the  
4 time the claimant establishes an individual weekly benefit  
5 amount shall be the maximum benefit amount applicable  
6 throughout the claimant's benefit year.

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

24 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.--

25 (a)1.a. Any otherwise eligible individual shall be  
26 entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits  
27 equal to 25 percent of the total wages in the base period, not  
28 to exceed \$7,150. For claims with benefit years beginning  
29 January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000, an additional  
30 amount equal to 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount  
31 multiplied by 8 shall be added to the calculated total amount

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

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

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

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27 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1           On page 3, line 24, after the semicolon,  
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3 insert:  
4           amending s. 443.111, F.S.; providing, for a  
5           limited time period, an increase in weekly  
6           unemployment compensation benefit amounts and  
7           the total amount of benefits;  
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