

Bill No. SB 18-E

Amendment No. Barcode 732640

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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, between lines 13 and 14,

insert:

Section 3. 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~~ 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 claims with benefit years beginning October 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003, the weekly benefit amount is increased by an amount equal to \$25 or 15 ~~January 1, 2000, through December~~

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1 ~~31, 2000, an additional 5 percent of the base weekly benefit~~
2 ~~amount, whichever is greater, shall be added for each~~
3 ~~compensable week the first 8 compensable weeks~~ of benefits
4 paid, not to exceed ~~\$316\$288~~. This paragraph expires July 1,
5 2003.

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

12 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.--

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

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

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1 subparagraph expires July 1, 2003.

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

6 ~~4.2.~~ For the purposes of this subsection, wages shall
7 be counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes
8 with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year
9 begins subsequent to the date on which the employing unit by
10 whom such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of this
11 chapter with respect to becoming an employer.

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13 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 1, line 8, after the semicolon

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20 insert:

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

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