

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW

Representative(s) Frankel offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 46, line 20 of the bill

insert:

Section 51. 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 31, 2000, an additional 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount shall be added for the first 8 compensable weeks of benefits paid, not to exceed \$288. Such weekly benefit amount, if not a

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1 multiple of \$1, shall be rounded downward to the nearest full  
2 dollar amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in effect at  
3 the time the claimant establishes an individual weekly benefit  
4 amount shall be the maximum benefit amount applicable  
5 throughout the claimant's benefit year.

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

23 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.--

24 (a)1.a. Any otherwise eligible individual shall be  
25 entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits  
26 equal to 25 percent of the total wages in the base period, not  
27 to exceed \$7,150. For claims with benefit years beginning  
28 January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000, an additional  
29 amount equal to 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount  
30 multiplied by 8 shall be added to the calculated total amount  
31 of benefits, the sum of which may not exceed \$7,254. However,

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

5 b. For fiscal year 2002-2003 only, and notwithstanding  
6 the requirements of sub-subparagraph a., any otherwise  
7 eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year  
8 to a total amount of benefits equal to 25 percent of the total  
9 wages in the base period, not to exceed \$7,150. For claims  
10 with benefit years beginning October 1, 2002, through June 30,  
11 2003, an additional amount equal to \$650 or 15 percent of the  
12 weekly benefit amount multiplied by 26, whichever is greater,  
13 shall be added to the calculated total amount of benefits, the  
14 sum of which may not exceed \$8,216. However, such total  
15 amount of benefits, if no a multiple of \$1, shall be rounded  
16 downward to the nearest full dollar amount. Such benefits  
17 shall be payable at a weekly rate not greater than the weekly  
18 benefit amount. This sub-subparagraph expires on July 1,  
19 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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29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 On page 6, line 13, after the first semicolon

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1 insert:  
2           amending s. 443.111, F.S.; providing, for a  
3           limited time period, an increase in weekly  
4           unemployment compensation benefit amounts and  
5           the total amount of benefits;  
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