

Amendment No. 2

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Ways & Means Committee
2 Representative Eskamani offered the following:

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4 **Amendment to Amendment (686697) by Representative Clemons**
5 **(with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 1366 and 1367 of the amendment, insert:

7 Section 20. Subsection (3) and paragraph (b) of subsection
8 (5) of section 443.111, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

9 443.111 Payment of benefits.—

10 (3) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—An individual's "weekly benefit
11 amount" is an amount equal to one twenty-sixth of the total
12 wages for insured work paid during that quarter of the base
13 period in which the total wages paid were the highest, but not
14 less than \$100 ~~\$32~~ or more than \$375 ~~\$275~~. The weekly benefit
15 amount, if not a multiple of \$1, is rounded downward to the
16 nearest full dollar amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in

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17 effect at the time the claimant establishes an individual weekly
18 benefit amount is the maximum benefit amount applicable
19 throughout the claimant's benefit year.

20 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.—

21 (b) Each otherwise eligible individual is entitled during
22 any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to 25
23 percent of the total wages in his or her base period, not to
24 exceed \$8,625 ~~\$6,325~~ or the product arrived at by multiplying
25 the weekly benefit amount with the number of weeks determined in
26 paragraph (c), whichever is less. However, the total amount of
27 benefits, if not a multiple of \$1, is rounded downward to the
28 nearest full dollar amount. These benefits are payable at a
29 weekly rate no greater than the weekly benefit amount.

30 Section 21. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
31 made by this act to section 443.111, Florida Statutes, in a
32 reference thereto, paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
33 443.041, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

34 443.041 Waiver of rights; fees; privileged
35 communications.—

36 (2) FEES.—

37 (b) An attorney at law representing a claimant for
38 benefits in any district court of appeal of this state or in the
39 Supreme Court of Florida is entitled to counsel fees payable by
40 the department as set by the court if the petition for review or
41 appeal is initiated by the claimant and results in a decision

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42 | awarding more benefits than provided in the decision from which
43 | appeal was taken. The amount of the fee may not exceed 50
44 | percent of the total amount of regular benefits permitted under
45 | s. 443.111(5)(b) during the benefit year.

46 | Section 22. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment
47 | made by this act to section 443.111, Florida Statutes, in a
48 | reference thereto, subsection (6) and paragraph (a) of
49 | subsection (8) of section 443.1116, Florida Statutes, is
50 | reenacted to read:

51 | 443.1116 Short-time compensation.—

52 | (6) WEEKLY SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION BENEFIT AMOUNT.—The
53 | weekly short-time compensation benefit amount payable to an
54 | individual is equal to the product of her or his weekly benefit
55 | amount as provided in s. 443.111(3) and the ratio of the number
56 | of normal weekly hours of work for which the employer would not
57 | compensate the individual to the individual's normal weekly
58 | hours of work. The benefit amount, if not a multiple of \$1, is
59 | rounded downward to the next lower multiple of \$1.

60 | (8) EFFECT OF SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION BENEFITS RELATING TO
61 | THE PAYMENT OF REGULAR AND EXTENDED BENEFITS.—

62 | (a) The short-time compensation benefits paid to an
63 | individual shall be deducted from the total benefit amount
64 | established for that individual in s. 443.111(5).

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Remove line 1392 of the amendment and insert:

An act relating to the sales and use tax and reemployment
assistance benefits; amending s. 212.02,