

AFTER THE EVENT WHICH CAUSES THE REFUND TO BECOME DUE.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 795

(House Bill 391)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 3 (b) and 3 (c) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits," with respect to the amount of benefits payable to claimants and for their dependents; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 4 (f) of said Article and subtitle of the Code, with respect to requirement for earning wages after the commencement of the first benefit year and prior to the second benefit year.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 3 (b) and 3 (c) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits," and Section 4 (f) of said Article and subtitle of the Code, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3.

(b) (1) **Weekly Benefit Amount.** An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be determined by applying the total of wages paid him for insured work in that calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were highest to column (A) in "schedule of benefits" set forth below. Upon determination as to the division of said schedule for which such individual's high quarter wages qualify, the weekly benefit amount shall be the amount shown on the same line in column (B).

Provided, if a claimant had not earned qualifying wages, as required in Section 4 (e) of this article, for the weekly benefit amount shown in the schedule of benefits on the basis of his earnings in the calendar quarter of the base period in which his earnings were highest, but did earn qualifying wages for a lower division on said schedule, he is to be considered eligible for benefits as shown in said lower division. Provided further, that in no event shall any claimant be permitted to drop down more than three divisions as shown on the said schedule of benefits.