

## CHAPTER 777

(House Bill 1445)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19(a), (2) and (3) and Section 19(b) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Reciprocal Arrangements," to provide that the Executive Director may enter into interstate benefit agreements and agreements for combining wages for purposes of paying interstate claims for unemployment insurance.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 19(a) (2) and (3) and Section 19(b) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Reciprocal Arrangements," be and they are hereby repealed, and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

19.

(a)(2) **¶**Potential rights to benefits accumulated under the unemployment insurance laws of one or more states or under one or more such laws of the federal government, or both, may constitute the basis for the payment of benefits through a single appropriate agency under terms which the Executive Director finds will be fair and reasonable as to all affected interests and will not result in any substantial loss to the fund; **¶** *Potential rights to benefits under this article may constitute the basis for payment of benefits by another state or by the federal government and potential rights to benefits accumulated under the law of another state or of the federal government may constitute the basis for the payment of benefits by this state. Such benefits shall be paid under such provisions of this article or under the provisions of the law of such state or of the federal government or under such combination of the provisions of both laws as may be agreed upon as being fair and reasonable to all affected interests. No such arrangement shall be entered into unless it contains provision for reimbursement to the fund for such benefits as are paid on the basis of wages and service subject to the law of another state or of the federal government, and provision for reimbursement from the fund for such benefits as are paid by another state or by the federal government on the basis of wages and service subject to this article;*

(3) **¶**Wages or services, upon the basis of which an individual may become entitled to benefits under an unemployment insurance law of another state or of the federal government, shall be deemed to be wages for insured work for the purpose of determining his rights to benefits under this article, and wages for insured work, on the basis of which an individual may become entitled to benefits under this article shall be deemed to be wages or services on the basis of which unemployment insurance under such law of another state or of the federal government is payable, but no such arrangement shall be entered into unless it contains provisions for reimbursements to the fund for such of the benefits paid under this article upon the basis of such wages or services, and provisions for reimbursements from the fund for such of the compensation paid under such other law upon the basis of wages for insured work, as the Executive