

CHAPTER 361

(House Bill 836)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 3(b)(1) and 3(c) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits," to increase the amount of benefits payable to claimants under the Unemployment Insurance Law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 3(b)(1) and 3(c) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Unemployment Insurance Law," subtitle "Benefits," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) Weekly benefits.—(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.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Division	High Quarter Wages (A)	Weekly Benefit Amount (B)	Minimum Qualifying Wages (C)
1	\$ 192.01 to \$ 240.00	\$10.00	\$ 360.00
2	\$ 240.01 to \$ 264.00	11.00	396.00
3	\$ 264.01 to \$ 288.00	12.00	432.00
4	\$ 288.01 to \$ 312.00	13.00	468.00
5	\$ 312.01 to \$ 336.00	14.00	504.00
6	\$ 336.01 to \$ 360.00	15.00	540.00
7	\$ 360.01 to \$ 384.00	16.00	576.00
8	\$ 384.01 to \$ 408.00	17.00	612.00
9	\$ 408.01 to \$ 432.00	18.00	648.00
10	\$ 432.01 to \$ 456.00	19.00	684.00
11	\$ 456.01 to \$ 480.00	20.00	720.00
12	\$ 480.01 to \$ 504.00	21.00	756.00