

individual's current benefit year were being wholly or mainly supported by such individual and were under sixteen years of age, but in no event shall such allowances be paid for more than the number of weeks of benefits allowable to the individual for total unemployment. Dependents' allowances shall be in addition to the unemployment benefits otherwise payable, provided that the total of such unemployment benefits and allowances for dependents shall not exceed [\$78] \$89 in any one benefit week and further provided that no dependency allowance shall be payable with respect to any week unless an unemployment benefit is also payable with respect to such week. An individual's number of dependents shall be determined as of the day with respect to which he first files a valid claim for benefits in any benefit year, and shall be fixed for the duration of such benefit year. No person who has been determined to be a child of one individual on the beginning date of such individual's benefit year shall be deemed to be a child of any other individual whose benefit year starts within one year thereafter. Provided, it shall be presumed that the father or stepfather is wholly or mainly supporting his children, stepchildren, or adopted children, who are a part of the household maintained by him, unless the contrary is shown to the satisfaction of the Executive Director. Dependents' allowances shall be regarded as benefits for the purpose of computing contribution rates under the terms of § 8(c) of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved May 31, 1974.

CHAPTER 708

(House Bill 178)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance Law - Dependents' Allowances

FOR the purpose of providing an allowance for dependents partially supported by an eligible recipient of unemployment insurance benefits, removing the presumption that a father or stepfather is the sole support of children with respect to dependents' allowances, allowing either parent to receive dependents' allowances under certain circumstances, and relating generally to unemployment insurance