equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June $1,\,2000$.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 369

(House Bill 402)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance Benefits - Maximum Benefit

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to unemployment insurance benefits.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-803(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Labor and Employment

Section 8-803(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Labor and Employment

8-803.

- (a) (1) To determine the weekly benefit amount to assign to a claimant in the schedule of benefits in subsection (b) of this section, the line in the schedule of benefits shall be located in which the high quarter wages in column (A) correspond to wages that the claimant was paid for covered employment in the calendar quarter of the claimant's base period in which those wages were highest.
 - (2) The claimant shall be assigned:
- (i) the weekly benefit amount in column (B) of the schedule for that line; or