

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 151(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/4/21

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to unemployment benefits; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: BENEFIT QUALIFICATION AND WAITING
6 WEEK. (a) The limitations under AS 23.20.375(b) do not apply to benefits payable to an
7 insured worker under AS 23.20 (Alaska Employment Security Act) who is otherwise entitled
8 to receive waiting-week credit or benefits under AS 23.20.375(a). In this subsection, "insured
9 worker" has the meaning given in AS 23.20.520.

10 (b) The provision of a benefit as permitted by this section is not a violation of
11 AS 23.20.500.

12 (c) The commissioner of labor and workforce development shall administer this
13 section as required under AS 23.20.005(b) and 23.20.095.

14 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

1 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: DEPENDENT ALLOWANCE. Notwithstanding
2 AS 23.20.350(f) and to the extent consistent with federal law, the allowance for dependents of
3 an insured worker under AS 23.20 (Alaska Employment Security Act) who establishes a
4 benefit year under AS 23.20.350 is \$75 per week for each dependent. The Department of
5 Labor and Workforce Development may not limit the total allowances for dependents paid to
6 the insured worker for each week of unemployment. In this section, "dependent" has the
7 meaning given in AS 23.20.350(g).

8 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The commissioner of labor and workforce
11 development may adopt regulations necessary to implement this Act. The regulations are not
12 subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

13 * **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are repealed September 6, 2021.

14 * **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
15 read:

16 RETROACTIVITY. Sections 1 - 3 of this Act are retroactive to April 1, 2021.

17 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).