

HOUSE BILL NO. 212

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act modifying the Alaska unemployment insurance statutes to comply with the**
2 **requirements of the federal economic stimulus bill by redefining the base period for**
3 **determining eligibility for unemployment benefits; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

7 LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. The legislature finds that

8 (1) the federal government has enacted a federal economic stimulus bill that
9 makes it possible to obtain from the federal government additional funding to address the
10 needs of the state's unemployed;

11 (2) it is desirable to address the needs of the state's unemployed;

12 (3) it is desirable to address the needs of the state's employers;

13 (4) in order for the state to receive the additional federal funding made
14 available by the federal economic stimulus bill it may be necessary to amend state law;

1 (5) because eligibility for federal economic stimulus funds may be contingent
2 on amending state law, and because that federal funding will address the needs of the state's
3 unemployed, and, by offsetting some of the costs associated with providing benefits to the
4 state's unemployed, will address the needs of the state's employers, the amendment of state
5 law to ensure the state is eligible to receive federal economic stimulus funds is an important
6 goal.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.20.520(3) is amended to read:

8 (3) "base period" means the first four of the last five completed
9 calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year,
10 **except that if an individual would not otherwise be eligible for unemployment**
11 **compensation because of the use of a base period that does not include the most**
12 **recently completed calendar quarter immediately preceding the first day of an**
13 **individual's benefit year, "base period" means, and eligibility shall be**
14 **determined using, the four most recently completed calendar quarters before the**
15 **start of the benefit year;**

16 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).