

HOUSE BILL NO. 427

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AN INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED FOR EACH WEEK OF THE BASE PERIOD OR A PORTION OF EACH WEEK OF THE BASE PERIOD; AND AMENDING SECTION 39-51-2105, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 39-51-2105, MCA, is amended to read:

"39-51-2105. Qualifying wages. To qualify for benefits, an individual:

(1) must have been paid total wages for employment in the base period in an amount:

~~(1)(a)~~ not less than 1 1/2 times the wages earned in the calendar quarter in which wages were the highest during the base period; however, the total wages in the base period must be equal to or greater than 7% of the average annual wage described in 39-51-2201; or

~~(2)(b)~~ equal to or greater than 50% of the average annual wage described in 39-51-2201; and

(2) must have been employed during each week of the base period or a portion of each week of the base period. An individual may not have more than 7 work days in which the individual was not employed during the base period."

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