

SENATE FILE NO. SF0121

Indexing unemployment insurance.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Driskill, Ide, Laursen, D, Salazar
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and Wylie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; revising the
2 calculation of unemployment benefits; specifying
3 applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-304 is amended to read:

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9 **27-3-304. Maximum payment.**

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11 (a) Except as provided by W.S. 27-3-316, the maximum
12 amount of benefits payable to any eligible individual in a

1 benefit year shall not exceed ~~twenty-six (26) times his~~
2 ~~weekly benefit or~~ the lesser of:

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4 (i) Thirty percent (30%) of his wages payable
5 for insured work in his base period; ~~whichever is less.~~
6 ~~This or~~

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8 (ii) For claims submitted during a calendar
9 year, an amount determined by multiplying the weekly
10 benefit of the individual by the following number of weeks:

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12 (A) Twelve (12) weeks if the state's
13 average unemployment rate is five percent (5%) or less;

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15 (B) Twelve (12) weeks plus an additional
16 week for every one-half of one percent (0.5%) that that the
17 state's average unemployment rate is above five percent
18 (5%);

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20 (C) A maximum of twenty-three (23) weeks if
21 the state's average unemployment rate equals or exceeds ten
22 and one-half percent (10.5%).

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1 **(b)** The amount calculated under this section shall be
2 computed to the next higher multiple of ~~his~~the
3 individual's weekly benefit.

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5 **(c)** As used in this section, "state's average
6 unemployment rate" means the most recent average of the
7 seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rates published
8 by the department of workforce services for the third
9 quarter which shall be the months of July, August and
10 September.

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12 **Section 2.** This act shall only apply to unemployment
13 claims filed on or after July 1, 2023.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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