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(By Mr. Fonforion Mr. President)


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FOR

## Senate Bill No. 195

(Mr. Tonkovich, Mr. President, original sponsor)
[Passed March 6, 1985; to take effect July 1, 1985.]
AN ACT to amend and reenact section ten, article five, chapter twenty-one-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; to amend and reenact sections one and ten, article six of said chapter; and to amend and reenact section five, article six-a of said chapter, all relating to unemployment compensation; employer coverage and responsibility; experience ratings; decreased rates; adjustment of accounts and rates; debit balance account rates; three-year, one percent surtax on wages paid by debit balance employers and foreign corporations or businesses engaged in construction trades; reduction of certain debit balance employer's reserve balance; employee eligibility; benefits; eligibility qualifications; increase of minimum wage earned during base period to qualify for benefits; benefit rate-total unemployment; annual computation and publication of rates; reducing maximum duration for entitlement to benefits from twenty-eight to twenty-six weeks; changing the maximum weekly benefit rate; amending the benefit table; and increasing the total extended benefit amount.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
That section ten, article five, chapter twenty-one-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that sections one and ten, article six of said chapter be amended and reenacted; and that section five, article six-a, chapter twenty-one-a of said chapter be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:

## ARTICLE 5. EMPLOYER COVERAGE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

§21A-5-10. Experience ratings; decreased rates; adjustment of accounts and rates; debit balance account rates.
On and after July one, one thousand nine hundred eightyone, an employer's payment shall remain two and seventenths percent, until:
(1) There have elapsed thirty-six consecutive months immediately preceding the computation date throughout which an employer's account was chargeable with benefits.
(2) His payments credited to his account for all past years exceed the benefits charged to his account by an amount equal to at least the percent of his average annual payroll as shown in Column B of Table II. His rate shall be the amount appearing in Column C of Table II on line with the percentage in Column B.

When the total assets of the fund as of January one of a calendar year equal or exceed one hundred percent but are less than one hundred twenty-five percent of the average benefit payments from the trust fund for the three preceding calendar years, an employer's rate shall be the amount appearing in Column D of Table II on line with the percentage in Column B.

When the total assets of the fund as of January one of a calendar year equal or exceed one hundred twenty-five percent but are less than one hundred fifty percent, an employer's rate shall be the amount appearing in Column E of Table II on line with the percentage in Column B.
When the total assets of the fund as of January one of a calendar year equal or exceed one hundred fifty percent, an employer's rate shall be the amount appearing in Column F of Table II on line with the percentage in Column B.

| Col. A | Col. B <br> Percentage of <br> Average | Col. C | Col. D | Col. E | Col. F |
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|  | Annual Payroll <br> By which <br> Credits Exceed <br> Charges |  | Employer's <br> Rate |  |  |
| Class | Rater |  |  |  |  |
| (1) | 0.0 to 6.0 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 |
| $(2)$ | 6.0 | 4.1 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| $(3)$ | 7.0 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 0.9 |
| $(4)$ | 8.0 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| $(5)$ | 9.0 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| $(6)$ | 10.0 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| $(7)$ | 10.5 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| $(8)$ | 11.0 | 2.9 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 |
| $(9)$ | 11.5 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| $(10)$ | 12.0 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| $(11)$ | 12.5 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 |
| $(12)$ | 13.0 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| $(13)$ | 14.0 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $(14)$ | 16.0 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| $(15)$ | 18.0 | and over | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.0 |

All employer accounts in which charges for all past years exceed credits for such past years shall be adjusted effective June thirty, one thousand nine hundred sixty-seven, so that as of said date, for the purpose of determining such employer's rate of contribution, the credits for all past years shall be deemed to equal the charges to such accounts.

Effective on and after the computation date of June thirty, one thousand nine hundred sixty-eight, and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1), section seven of this article relating to the noncrediting of employers' accounts with the first seven tenths or with the first four tenths of one percent of contributions paid; for the purpose of determining whether or not an employer shall pay contributions at a rate in excess of two and seventenths percent as hereinafter set forth, but not for the purpose of determining such rate, the department shall, only for the purpose set forth herein and not as a credit to such account, add to the accounts of all employers having a
debit balance, contribution payments made by such employers on and after July one, one thousand nine hundred sixty-seven, which payments are not credited to employers' accounts by reason of the provisions contained in subsection (1), section seven of this article. If, after such contribution payments have been added to such employers' accounts, such accounts continue to show a debit balance, such employers shall make payments at a rate in excess of four and five-tenths percent. If, after such contribution payments have been added to such employers' accounts, such accounts show a credit balance, such employers shall make payments at the rate of four and five-tenths percent. If, under the conditions set forth in this paragraph, it is determined that an employer shall pay contributions at a rate in excess of four and five-tenths percent, the rate in excess of four and five-tenths percent at which an employer shall pay contributions shall then be determined solely under the conditions set forth in the following paragraphs of this section. The provisions contained in this paragraph shall in no way be considered as providing for the crediting to an employer's account, of amounts of employer contribution payments which are expressly not credited to employers' accounts in subsection (1), section seven of this article.

Effective on and after the computation date of June thirty, one thousand nine hundred sixty-seven, all employers with a debit balance account in which the benefits charged to their account for all past years exceed the payments credited to their account for such past years by an amount up to and including ten percent of their average annual payroll, shall make payments to the unemployment compensation fund at the rate of three percent of wages paid by them with respect to employment; except that effective on and after July one, one thousand nine hundred eighty-one, all employers with a debit balance account in which the benefits charged to their account for all past years exceed the payments credited to their account for such past years by an amount up to and including five percent of their average annual payroll, shall make payments to the unemployment compensation fund at the rate of five and five-tenths percent of wages paid by them with respect to employment.

Effective on or after July one, one thousand nine hundred eighty-one, all employers with a debit balance account in which the benefits charged to their account for all past years exceed the payments credited to their account for such past years by an amount in excess of five percent but less than ten percent of their average annual payroll, shall make payments to the unemployment compensation fund at the rate of six and five-tenths percent of wages paid by them with respect to employment.

Effective on and after the computation date of June thirty, one thousand nine hundred sixty-seven, all employers with a debit balance account in which the benefits charged to their account for all past years exceed the payments credited to their account for such past years by an amount of ten percent or above of their average annual payroll, shall make payments to the unemployment compensation fund at the rate of three and three-tenths percent of wages paid by them with respect to employment; except that effective on and after July one, one thousand nine hundred eighty-one, such payments to the unemployment compensation fund shall be at the rate of seven and five-tenths percent of wages paid by them with respect to employment or at such other rate authorized by this article.
"Debit balance account" for the purpose of this section means an account in which the benefits charged for all past years exceed the payments credited for such past years.
"Credit balance account" for the purposes of this section means an account in which the payments credited for all past years exceed the benefits charged for such past years.

Once a debit balance account rate is established for an employer's account for a year, it shall apply for the entire year.
"Due date" means the last day of the month next following a calendar quarter. In determining the amount in the fund on any due date, contributions received, but not benefits paid, for such month next following the end of a calendar quarter shall be included.
(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, every employer subject to the provisions of this chapter shall, in addition to any other tax provided for in this section, pay contributions at the rate of one percent surtax

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on wages paid by him with respect to employment, beginning January first, one thousand nine hundred eightyone, until such time that the commissioner determines that the fund assets equal or exceed the average benefits payments from the fund for the preceding three calendar years at which time such surtax shall be discontinued, and the commissioner shall so notify the employers subject to the provisions of this chapter.
(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, every debit balance employer subject to the provisions of this chapter, and any foreign corporation or business entity engaged in the construction trades which has not been an employer in the state of West Virginia for thirty-six consecutive months ending on the computation date, shall, in addition to any other tax provided for in this section, pay contributions at the rate of one percent surtax on wages paid by him with respect to employment for a period of three years, beginning January first, one thousand nine hundred eighty-six.
(c) Effective June thirty, one thousand nine hundred eighty-five, and each computation date thereafter, the reserve balance of a debit balance employer shall be reduced to fifteen percent if such balance exceeds fifteen percent. The amount of noncredited tax shall be reduced by an amount equal to the eliminated charges. If the eliminated charges exceed the amount of noncredited tax, the noncredited tax shall be reduced to zero.

## ARTICLE 6. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY; BENEFITS.

## §21A-6-1. Eligibility qualifications.

1 An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits only if the commissioner finds that:
(1) He has registered for work at and thereafter continues to report at an employment office in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner.
(2) He has made a claim for benefits in accordance with the provisions of article seven of this chapter.
(3) He is able to work and is available for full-time work for which he is fitted by prior training or experience and is doing that which a reasonably prudent person in his circumstances would do in seeking work.
(4) He has been totally or partially unemployed during

## §21A-6-10. Benefit rate - Total unemployment; annual computation and publication of rates.

his benefit year for a waiting period of one week prior to the week for which he claims benefits for total or partial unemployment.
(5) He has within his base period earned wages for employment equal to not less than two thousand two hundred dollars and must have earned wages in more than one quarter of his base period.

Each eligible individual who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid benefits with respect to that week at the weekly rate appearing in Column (C) in the Benefit Table in this paragraph, on the line on which in Column (A) there is indicated the employee's wage class, except as otherwise provided under the term "total and partial unemployment" in section three, article one of this chapter. The employee's wage class shall be determined by his base period wages as shown in Column (B) in the Benefit Table. The right of an employee to receive benefits shall not be prejudiced nor the amount thereof be diminished by reason of failure by an employer to pay either the wages earned by the employee or the contribution due on such wages. An individual who is totally unemployed but earns in excess of twenty-five dollars as a result of odd-job or subsidiary work in any benefit week shall be paid benefits for such week in accordance with the provisions of this chapter pertaining to benefits for partial unemployment.

The maximum benefit for each wage class shall be equal to twenty-six times the weekly benefit rate.

On and after July one, one thousand nine hundred eightyfive, and until July one, one thousand nine hundred eightyeight, the maximum weekly benefit rate shall be seventy percent of the average weekly wage in West Virginia, which average weekly wage shall not exceed three hundred and twenty-two dollars per week; thereafter, the maximum benefit rate shall be sixty-six and two-thirds percent of the average weekly wage in West Virginia.
Beginning on July one, one thousand nine hundred eighty-eight, the commissioner shall determine the maximum weekly benefit rate upon the basis of the formula set forth above and shall establish wage classes as are required, increasing or decreasing the amount of the base

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period wages required for each wage class by one hundred fifty dollars, establishing the weekly benefit rate for each wage class by rounded dollar amount to be fifty-five percent of one fifty-second of the median dollar amount of wages in the base period for such wage class, and establishing the maximum benefit for each wage class as an amount equal to twenty-six times the weekly benefit rate. The maximum weekly benefit rate, when computed by the commissioner, in accordance with the foregoing provisions, shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of one dollar.

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| 68 | 23 | $5,500.00-$ | $5,649.99$ | 58.00 | $1,508.00$ |
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| 69 | 24 | $5,650.00-$ | $5,799.99$ | 60.00 | $1,560.00$ |
| 70 | 25 | $5,800.00-$ | $5,949.99$ | 62.00 | $1,612.00$ |
| 71 | 26 | $5,950.00-$ | $6,099.99$ | 63.00 | $1,638.00$ |
| 72 | 27 | $6,100.00-$ | $6,249.99$ | 65.00 | $1,690.00$ |
| 73 | 28 | $6,250.00-$ | $6,399.99$ | 66.00 | $1,716.00$ |
| 74 | 29 | $6,400.00-$ | $6,549.99$ | 68.00 | $1,768.00$ |
| 75 | 30 | $6,550.00-$ | $6,699.99$ | 70.00 | $1,820.00$ |
| 76 | 31 | $6,700.00-$ | $6,849.99$ | 71.00 | $1,846.00$ |
| 77 | 32 | $6,850.00-$ | $6,999.99$ | 73.00 | $1,898.00$ |
| 78 | 33 | $7,000.00-$ | $7,149.99$ | 74.00 | $1,924.00$ |
| 79 | 34 | $7,150.00-$ | $7,299.99$ | 76.00 | $1,976.00$ |
| 80 | 35 | $7,300.00-$ | $7,449.99$ | 78.00 | $2,028.00$ |
| 81 | 36 | $7,450.00-$ | $7,599.99$ | 79.00 | $2,054.00$ |
| 82 | 37 | $7,600.00-$ | $7,749.99$ | 81.00 | $2,106.00$ |
| 83 | 38 | $7,750.00-$ | $7,899.99$ | 82.00 | $2,132.00$ |
| 84 | 39 | $7,900.00-$ | $8,049.99$ | 84.00 | $2,184.00$ |
| 85 | 40 | $8,050.00-$ | $8,199.99$ | 85.00 | $2,210.00$ |
| 86 | 41 | $8,200.00-$ | $8,349.99$ | 87.00 | $2,262.00$ |
| 87 | 42 | $8,350.00-$ | $8,499.99$ | 89.00 | $2,314.00$ |
| 88 | 43 | $8,500.00-$ | $8,649.99$ | 90.00 | $2,340.00$ |
| 89 | 44 | $8,650.00-$ | $8,799.99$ | 92.00 | $2,392.00$ |
| 90 | 45 | $8,800.00-$ | $8,949.99$ | 93.00 | $2,418.00$ |
| 91 | 46 | $8,950.00-$ | $9,099.99$ | 95.00 | $2,470.00$ |
| 92 | 47 | $9,100.00-$ | $9,249.99$ | 97.00 | $2,522.00$ |
| 93 | 48 | $9,250.00-$ | $9,399.99$ | 98.00 | $2,548.00$ |
| 94 | 49 | $9,400.00-$ | $9,549.99$ | 100.00 | $2,600.00$ |
| 95 | 50 | $9,550.00-$ | $9,699.99$ | 101.00 | $2,626.00$ |
| 96 | 51 | $9,700.00-$ | $9,849.99$ | 103.00 | $2,678.00$ |
| 97 | 52 | $9,850.00-$ | $9,999.99$ | 104.00 | $2,704.00$ |
| 98 | 53 | $10,000.00-10,149.99$ | 106.00 | $2,756.00$ |  |
| 99 | 54 | $10,150.00-10,299.99$ | 108.00 | $2,808.00$ |  |
| 100 | 55 | $10,300.00-10,449.99$ | 109.00 | $2,834.00$ |  |
| 101 | 56 | $10,450.00-10,599.99$ | 111.00 | $2,886.00$ |  |
| 102 | 57 | $10,600.00-10,749.99$ | 112.00 | $2,912.00$ |  |
| 103 | 58 | $10,750.00-10,899.99$ | 114.00 | $2,964.00$ |  |
| 104 | 59 | $10,900.00-11,049.99$ | 116.00 | $3,016.00$ |  |
| 105 | 60 | $11,050.00-11,199.99$ | 117.00 | $3,042.00$ |  |
| 106 | 61 | $11,200.00-11,349.99$ | 119.00 | $3,094.00$ |  |
| 107 | 62 | $11,350.00-11,499.99$ | 120.00 | $3,120.00$ |  |
| 108 | 63 | $11,500.00-11,649.99$ | 122.00 | $3,172.00$ |  |
| 109 | 64 | $11,650.00-11,799.99$ | 124.00 | $3,224.00$ |  |
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| 110 | 65 | $11,800.00-11,949.99$ | 125.00 | $3,250.00$ |
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| 111 | 66 | $11,950.00-12,099.99$ | 127.00 | $3,302.00$ |
| 112 | 67 | $12,100.00-12,249.99$ | 128.00 | $3,328.00$ |
| 113 | 68 | $12,250.00-12,399.99$ | 130.00 | $3,380.00$ |
| 114 | 69 | $12,400.00-12,549.99$ | 131.00 | $3,406.00$ |
| 115 | 70 | $12,550.00-12,699.99$ | 133.00 | $3,458.00$ |
| 116 | 71 | $12,700.00-12,849.99$ | 135.00 | $3,510.00$ |
| 117 | 72 | $12,850.00-12,999.99$ | 136.00 | $3,536.00$ |
| 118 | 73 | $13,000.00-13,149.99$ | 138.00 | $3,588.00$ |
| 119 | 74 | $13,150.00-13,299.99$ | 139.00 | $3,614.00$ |
| 120 | 75 | $13,300.00-13,449.99$ | 141.00 | $3,666.00$ |
| 121 | 76 | $13,450.00-13,599.99$ | 143.00 | $3,718.00$ |
| 122 | 77 | $13,600.00-13,749.99$ | 144.00 | $3,744.00$ |
| 123 | 78 | $13,750.00-13,899.99$ | 146.00 | $3,796.00$ |
| 124 | 79 | $13,900.00-14,049.99$ | 147.00 | $3,822.00$ |
| 125 | 80 | $14,050.00-14,199.99$ | 149.00 | $3,874.00$ |
| 126 | 81 | $14,200.00-14,349.99$ | 150.00 | $3,900.00$ |
| 127 | 82 | $14,350.00-14,499.99$ | 152.00 | $3,952.00$ |
| 128 | 83 | $14,500.00-14,649.99$ | 154.00 | $4,004.00$ |
| 129 | 84 | $14,650.00-14,799.99$ | 155.00 | $4,030.00$ |
| 130 | 85 | $14,800.00-14,949.99$ | 157.00 | $4,082.00$ |
| 131 | 86 | $14,950.00-15,099.99$ | 158.00 | $4,108.00$ |
| 132 | 87 | $15,100.00-15,249.99$ | 160.00 | $4,160.00$ |
| 133 | 88 | $15,250.00-15,399.99$ | 162.00 | $4,212.00$ |
| 134 | 89 | $15,400.00-15,549.99$ | 163.00 | $4,238.00$ |
| 135 | 90 | $15,550.00-15,699.99$ | 165.00 | $4,290.00$ |
| 136 | 91 | $15,700.00-15,849.99$ | 166.00 | $4,316.00$ |
| 137 | 92 | $15,850.00-15,999.99$ | 168.00 | $4,368.00$ |
| 138 | 93 | $16,000.00-16,149.99$ | 170.00 | $4,420.00$ |
| 139 | 94 | $16,150.00-16,299.99$ | 171.00 | $4,446.00$ |
| 140 | 95 | $16,300.00-16,449.99$ | 173.00 | $4,498.00$ |
| 141 | 96 | $16,450.00-16,599.99$ | 174.00 | $4,524.00$ |
| 142 | 97 | $16,600.00-16,749.99$ | 176.00 | $4,576.00$ |
| 143 | 98 | $16,750.00-16,899.99$ | 177.00 | $4,602.00$ |
| 144 | 99 | $16,900.00-17,049.99$ | 179.00 | $4,654.00$ |
| 145 | 100 | $17,050.00-17,199.99$ | 181.00 | $4,706.00$ |
| 146 | 101 | $17,200.00-17,349.99$ | 182.00 | $4,732.00$ |
| 147 | 102 | $17,350.00-17,499.99$ | 184.00 | $4,784.00$ |
| 148 | 103 | $17,500.00-17,649.99$ | 185.00 | $4,810.00$ |
| 149 | 104 | $17,650.00-17,799.99$ | 187.00 | $4,862.00$ |
| 150 | 105 | $17,800.00-17,949.99$ | 189.00 | $4,914.00$ |
| 151 | 106 | $17,950.00-18,099.99$ | 190.00 | $4,940.00$ |
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| 152 | 107 | $18,100.00-18,249.99$ | 192.00 | $4,992.00$ |
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| 154 | 109 | $18,400.00-18,549.99$ | 195.00 | $5,070.00$ |
| 155 | 110 | $18,550.00-18,699.99$ | 196.00 | $5,096.00$ |
| 156 | 111 | $18,700.00-18,849.99$ | 198.00 | $5,148.00$ |
| 157 | 112 | $18,850.00-18,999.99$ | 200.00 | $5,200.00$ |
| 158 | 113 | $19,000.00-19,149.99$ | 201.00 | $5,226.00$ |
| 159 | 114 | $19,150.00-19,299.99$ | 203.00 | $5,278.00$ |
| 160 | 115 | $19,300.00-19,449.99$ | 204.00 | $5,304.00$ |
| 161 | 116 | $19,450.00-19,599.99$ | 206.00 | $5,356.00$ |
| 162 | 117 | $19,600.00-19,749.99$ | 208.00 | $5,408.00$ |
| 163 | 118 | $19,750.00-19,899.99$ | 209.00 | $5,434.00$ |
| 164 | 119 | $19,900.00-20,049.99$ | 211.00 | $5,486.00$ |
| 165 | 120 | $20,050.00-20,199.99$ | 212.00 | $5,512.00$ |
| 166 | 121 | $20,200.00-20,349.99$ | 214.00 | $5,564.00$ |
| 167 | 122 | $20,350.00-20,499.99$ | 216.00 | $5,616.00$ |
| 168 | 123 | $20,500.00-20,649.99$ | 217.00 | $5,642.00$ |
| 169 | 124 | $20,650.00-20,799.99$ | 219.00 | $5,694.00$ |
| 170 | 125 | $20,800.00-20,949.99$ | 220.00 | $5,720.00$ |
| 171 | 126 | $20,950.00-21,099.99$ | 222.00 | $5,772.00$ |
| 172 | 127 | $21,100.00-21,249.99$ | 223.00 | $5,798.00$ |
| 173 | 128 | $21,250.00-$ and over | 225.00 | $5,850.00$ |

174 After he has established such wage classes, the 175 commissioner shall prepare and publish a table setting 176 forth such information.
177 Average weekly wage shall be computed by dividing the 178 number of employees in West Virginia earning wages in 179 covered employment into the total wages paid to employees 180 in West Virginia in covered employment, and by further 181 dividing said result by fifty-two, and shall be determined 182 from employer wage and contribution reports for the 183 previous calendar year which are furnished to the 184 department on or before June one following such calendar 185 year. The average weekly wage, as determined by the 186 commissioner, shall be rounded to the next higher dollar. 187 The computation and determination of rates as aforesaid 188 shall be completed annually before July one, and any such 189 new wage class, with its corresponding wages in base 190 period, weekly benefit rate, and maximum benefit in a 191 benefit year established by the commissioner in the 192 foregoing manner effective on a July one, shall apply only to 193 a new claim established by a claimant on and after said July

194 one, and shall not apply to continued claims of a claimant
195 based on his new claim established before said July one.
ARTICLE 6A. EXTENDED BENEFITS PROGRAM.

## §21A-6A-5. Total extended benefit amount.

1 The total extended benefit amount payable to any eligible 2 individual with respect to his applicable benefit year shall
3 be the least of the following amounts:
4 (1) Fifty percent of the total amount of regular benefits
5 which were payable to him under this chapter in his
6 applicable benefit year;
7 (2) Thirteen times his weekly benefit amount which was
8 payable to him under this chapter for a week of total
9 unemployment in the applicable benefit year: Provided,
10 That an individual filing for extended benefits through the
11 interstate benefit payment plan and residing in a state
12 where an extended benefit period is not in effect shall be
13 limited to payment for only the first two weeks of such 14 extended benefits.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrelled.


Chairman Senate Committee


Originated in the Senate.

To take.effect July 1, 1985.


Clerk of the Senate


Clerk of the House of Delegqte


President of the Senate


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March 29, 1985

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The Honorable Arch A. Moore, Jr. Governor, State of West Virginia State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
Dear Governor Moore:
We have discovered an error in Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 195, which was forwarded to you on March 8 and approved by you on March 11, 1985.

On Page 8, Line 47, under Column B, "Wages in Base Period", second column, which reads $2,449.99$ should be corrected to read 2,499.99.

We are sorry for this oversight and appreciate your cooperation in making this correction.

Respectfully,


TODD C. WILLIS, Clerk
TCW/ba
cc - Secretary of State

