

ARKANSAS SENATE

88th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2011

Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 593

AN ACT TO SPECIFY MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND
TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR
DISCHARGE FOR ABSENTEEISM, MISCONDUCT, AND FAILURE TO ACCEPT
SUITABLE WORK.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 593

Amend Senate Bill No. 593 as engrossed, S3/7/11 (version: 03/07/2011 09:07:04 AM)

Add Senators G. Baker, Bledsoe, Holland, J. Hutchinson, M. Lamoureux, B. Pritchard, Rapert, J. Taylor, Whitaker, E. Williams, D. Wyatt as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Add Representatives D. Altes, Baird, Barnett, Bell, Benedict, Biviano, Branscum, J. Burris, Clemmer, Collins-Smith, Dale, Deffenbaugh, English, Eubanks, Garner, Gillam, Harris, Hickerson, Hobbs, Jean, Johnston, Kerr, Lea, Linck, Mauch, Mayberry, D. Meeks, S. Meeks, Perry, Rice, Sanders, Shepherd, Slinkard, Steel, Stubblefield, Summers, Westerman, Woods as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 1, delete lines 29 through 36

AND

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) ~~No~~ A weekly benefit amount shall not be less than twelve percent (12%) of the state average weekly wage for insured employment for the preceding calendar year for benefit years beginning after June 30, 1987.

(2) However, effective July, 1, 2012, the weekly benefit amount shall not be greater than eighty-one dollars (\$81.00).

(c)(1) ~~No~~ A weekly benefit amount shall not be greater than sixty-six and two-thirds percent (662/3%) of the state average weekly wage for insured



employment for the previous calendar year for benefit years beginning after June 30, 1985.

~~(2) However, for benefit years beginning July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005, the maximum weekly benefit amount shall not exceed three hundred forty five dollars (\$345)~~

However, effective July, 1, 2012, the weekly benefit amount shall not be greater than four hundred fifty-one dollars (\$451)."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 34 and 35 and substitute the following:

"equal to at least his or her weekly benefit amount until, subsequent to the date of the disqualification, the claimant has been paid wages in two (2) quarters for insured work totaling not less than thirty-five (35) times his or her weekly benefit amount."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 6 though 8 and substitute the following:

"have earned wages equal to at least his or her weekly benefit amount Until, subsequent to the date of the disqualification, the claimant has been paid wages in two (2) quarters for insured work totaling not less than thirty-five (35) times his or her weekly benefit amount; and"

AND

Page 4, line 30, delete "alternate job" and substitute "alternate suitable job"

AND

Page 5, delete lines 27 and 28 and substitute the following:

"(i) Until, subsequent to the date of the disqualification, the claimant has been paid wages in two (2) quarters for insured work totaling not less than thirty-five (35) times his or her weekly benefit amount; and"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Dismang
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