

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/27/13 S4/1/13 S4/6/13*

2 89th General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL 875

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5 By: Senators Hester, *Holland, D. Sanders*

6 By: *Representative J. Burris*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ADJUST WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNTS
10 TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL NONREDUCTION RULE ON
11 BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

15 TO ADJUST WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT
16 AMOUNTS TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL
17 NONREDUCTION RULE ON BENEFITS.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 *SECTION 1. Effective for initial claims filed on the latter of January*
23 *1, 2014, or the first day of the calendar quarter after the federal*
24 *nonreduction rule on benefits expires under the American Taxpayer Relief Act*
25 *of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-240, Arkansas Code § 11-10-502(c), concerning weekly*
26 *benefit amount for unemployment benefits, is amended to read as follows:*

27 (c)(1)(A) A weekly benefit amount shall not be greater than ~~sixty-six~~
28 ~~and two-thirds percent (662/3%) of the state average weekly wage for insured~~
29 ~~employment for the previous calendar year for benefit years beginning after~~
30 ~~June 30, 1985.~~

31 ~~(2) However, effective July 1, 2012, the weekly maximum benefit~~
32 ~~amount established in subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not be greater~~
33 ~~than four hundred fifty-one dollars (\$451) sixty percent (60%) of the state~~
34 ~~average weekly wage for insured employment for the previous calendar year.~~

35 (B) However, the weekly maximum benefit amount established
36 in subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section shall not be greater than three



1 hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).

2 (2) A weekly benefit amount at a level below the maximum weekly
3 benefit amount shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) from the *current level*,
4 *but not below eighty-one dollars (\$81.00).*

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