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A Bill

SENATE BILL 875

5 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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13 TO ADJUST WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT
14 AMOUNTS TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL
15 NONREDUCTION RULE ON BENEFITS
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Effective on the latter of January 1, 2014, or the
22 date the federal nonreduction rule on benefits expires under the American
23 Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-240, Arkansas Code § 11-10-
24 502(c), concerning weekly benefit amount for unemployment benefits, is
25 amended to read as follows:

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

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

34 (B) However, the weekly maximum benefit amount established
35 in subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section shall not be greater than three
36 hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).



1 (2) A weekly benefit amount at a level below the maximum weekly
2 benefit amount shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) from the current level.

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