

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 305(L&C)
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/1/04
 Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the calculation and payment of unemployment compensation
 2 benefits; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.20.350(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) **On and after January 1, 2005, an** [AN] individual who is eligible under
 6 (a) of this section is entitled to receive the weekly benefit amount set out in column
 7 (B) of the table in this subsection that is opposite the amount set out in column (A) of
 8 the individual's base period wages determined under (c) of this section:

	(A)		(B)
	Base Period Wages		Weekly Benefit
	At least	But less than	Amount
11	0	1,000	\$ 0
12	1,000	1,250	44
13	1,000	1,500	46
14	1,250		

1	1,500	1,750	48
2	1,750	2,000	50
3	2,000	2,250	52
4	2,250	2,500	54
5	2,500	2,750	56
6	2,750	3,000	58
7	3,000	3,250	60
8	3,250	3,500	62
9	3,500	3,750	64
10	3,750	4,000	66
11	4,000	4,250	68
12	4,250	4,500	70
13	4,500	4,750	72
14	4,750	5,000	74
15	5,000	5,250	76
16	5,250	5,500	78
17	5,500	5,750	80
18	5,750	6,000	82
19	6,000	6,250	84
20	6,250	6,500	86
21	6,500	6,750	88
22	6,750	7,000	90
23	7,000	7,250	92
24	7,250	7,500	94
25	7,500	7,750	96
26	7,750	8,000	98
27	8,000	8,250	100
28	8,250	8,500	102
29	8,500	8,750	104
30	8,750	9,000	106
31	9,000	9,250	108

1	9,250	9,500	110
2	9,500	9,750	112
3	9,750	10,000	114
4	10,000	10,250	116
5	10,250	10,500	118
6	10,500	10,750	120
7	10,750	11,000	122
8	11,000	11,250	124
9	11,250	11,500	126
10	11,500	11,750	128
11	11,750	12,000	130
12	12,000	12,250	132
13	12,250	12,500	134
14	12,500	12,750	136
15	12,750	13,000	138
16	13,000	13,250	140
17	13,250	13,500	142
18	13,500	13,750	144
19	13,750	14,000	146
20	14,000	14,250	148
21	14,250	14,500	150
22	14,500	14,750	152
23	14,750	15,000	154
24	15,000	15,250	156
25	15,250	15,500	158
26	15,500	15,750	160
27	15,750	16,000	162
28	16,000	16,250	164
29	16,250	16,500	166
30	16,500	16,750	168
31	16,750	17,000	170

1	17,000	17,250	172
2	17,250	17,500	174
3	17,500	17,750	176
4	17,750	18,000	178
5	18,000	18,250	180
6	18,250	18,500	182
7	18,500	18,750	184
8	18,750	19,000	186
9	19,000	19,250	188
10	19,250	19,500	190
11	19,500	19,750	192
12	19,750	20,000	194
13	20,000	20,250	196
14	20,250	20,500	198
15	20,500	20,750	200
16	20,750	21,000	202
17	21,000	21,250	204
18	21,250	21,500	206
19	21,500	21,750	208
20	21,750	22,000	210
21	22,000	22,250	212
22	22,250	22,500	214
23	22,500	22,750	216
24	22,750	23,000	218
25	23,000	23,250	220
26	23,250	23,500	222
27	23,500	23,750	224
28	23,750	24,000	226
29	24,000	24,250	228
30	24,250	24,500	230
31	24,500	24,750	232

1	24,750	25,000	234
2	25,000	25,250	236
3	25,250	25,500	238
4	25,500	25,750	240
5	25,750	26,000	242
6	26,000	26,250	244
7	26,250	26,500	246
8	26,500	26,750	248
9	26,750	<u>27,000</u>	<u>250</u>
10	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,250</u>	<u>252</u>
11	<u>27,250</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>254</u>
12	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,750</u>	<u>256</u>
13	<u>27,750</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>258</u>
14	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,250</u>	<u>260</u>
15	<u>28,250</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>262</u>
16	<u>28,500</u>	<u>28,750</u>	<u>264</u>
17	<u>28,750</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>266</u>
18	<u>29,000</u>	<u>29,250</u>	<u>268</u>
19	<u>29,250</u>	<u>29,500</u>	<u>270</u>
20	<u>29,500</u>	<u>29,750</u>	<u>272</u>
21	<u>29,750</u>		<u>272</u> [248].

* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.20.350(d) is amended to read:

(d) On and after January 1, 2006 [2005], an individual who is eligible under (a) of this section is entitled to receive the weekly benefit amount set out in column (B) of the table in this subsection that is opposite the amount set out in column (A) of the individual's base period wages determined under (c) of this section:

	(A)		(B)
	Base Period Wages		Weekly Benefit
	At least	But less than	Amount
29	0	1,000	\$ 0
30	1,000	1,250	44

1	1,250	1,500	46
2	1,500	1,750	48
3	1,750	2,000	50
4	2,000	2,250	52
5	2,250	2,500	54
6	2,500	2,750	56
7	2,750	3,000	58
8	3,000	3,250	60
9	3,250	3,500	62
10	3,500	3,750	64
11	3,750	4,000	66
12	4,000	4,250	68
13	4,250	4,500	70
14	4,500	4,750	72
15	4,750	5,000	74
16	5,000	5,250	76
17	5,250	5,500	78
18	5,500	5,750	80
19	5,750	6,000	82
20	6,000	6,250	84
21	6,250	6,500	86
22	6,500	6,750	88
23	6,750	7,000	90
24	7,000	7,250	92
25	7,250	7,500	94
26	7,500	7,750	96
27	7,750	8,000	98
28	8,000	8,250	100
29	8,250	8,500	102
30	8,500	8,750	104
31	8,750	9,000	106

1	9,000	9,250	108
2	9,250	9,500	110
3	9,500	9,750	112
4	9,750	10,000	114
5	10,000	10,250	116
6	10,250	10,500	118
7	10,500	10,750	120
8	10,750	11,000	122
9	11,000	11,250	124
10	11,250	11,500	126
11	11,500	11,750	128
12	11,750	12,000	130
13	12,000	12,250	132
14	12,250	12,500	134
15	12,500	12,750	136
16	12,750	13,000	138
17	13,000	13,250	140
18	13,250	13,500	142
19	13,500	13,750	144
20	13,750	14,000	146
21	14,000	14,250	148
22	14,250	14,500	150
23	14,500	14,750	152
24	14,750	15,000	154
25	15,000	15,250	156
26	15,250	15,500	158
27	15,500	15,750	160
28	15,750	16,000	162
29	16,000	16,250	164
30	16,250	16,500	166
31	16,500	16,750	168

1	16,750	17,000	170
2	17,000	17,250	172
3	17,250	17,500	174
4	17,500	17,750	176
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20	21,500	21,750	208
21	21,750	22,000	210
22	22,000	22,250	212
23	22,250	22,500	214
24	22,500	22,750	216
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27	23,250	23,500	222
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29	23,750	24,000	226
30	24,000	24,250	228
31	24,250	24,500	230

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6	25,750	26,000	242
7	26,000	26,250	244
8	26,250	26,500	246
9	26,500	26,750	248
10	26,750	27,000	250
11	27,000	27,250	252
12	27,250	27,500	254
13	27,500	27,750	256
14	27,750	28,000	258
15	28,000	28,250	260
16	28,250	28,500	262
17	28,500	28,750	264
18	28,750	29,000	266
19	29,000	29,250	268
20	29,250	29,500	270
21	29,500	29,750	272
22	29,750	<u>30,000</u>	<u>274</u>
23	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,250</u>	<u>276</u>
24	<u>30,250</u>	<u>30,500</u>	<u>278</u>
25	<u>30,500</u>	<u>30,750</u>	<u>280</u>
26	<u>30,750</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>282</u>
27	<u>31,000</u>	<u>31,250</u>	<u>284</u>
28	<u>31,250</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>286</u>
29	<u>31,500</u>	<u>31,750</u>	<u>288</u>
30	<u>31,750</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>290</u>
31	<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,250</u>	<u>292</u>

1	<u>32,250</u>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>294</u>
2	<u>32,500</u>	<u>32,750</u>	<u>296</u>
3	<u>32,750</u>		<u>296</u> [272].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 23.20.350(d) is amended to read:

(d) On and after January 1, 2007 [2006], an individual who is eligible under (a) of this section is entitled to receive the weekly benefit amount set out in column (B) of the table in this subsection that is opposite the amount set out in column (A) of the individual's base period wages determined under (c) of this section:

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23	3,500	3,750	64
24	3,750	4,000	66
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26	4,250	4,500	70
27	4,500	4,750	72
28	4,750	5,000	74
29	5,000	5,250	76
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4	6,500	6,750	88
5	6,750	7,000	90
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10	8,000	8,250	100
11	8,250	8,500	102
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13	8,750	9,000	106
14	9,000	9,250	108
15	9,250	9,500	110
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18	10,000	10,250	116
19	10,250	10,500	118
20	10,500	10,750	120
21	10,750	11,000	122
22	11,000	11,250	124
23	11,250	11,500	126
24	11,500	11,750	128
25	11,750	12,000	130
26	12,000	12,250	132
27	12,250	12,500	134
28	12,500	12,750	136
29	12,750	13,000	138
30	13,000	13,250	140
31	13,250	13,500	142

1	13,500	13,750	144
2	13,750	14,000	146
3	14,000	14,250	148
4	14,250	14,500	150
5	14,500	14,750	152
6	14,750	15,000	154
7	15,000	15,250	156
8	15,250	15,500	158
9	15,500	15,750	160
10	15,750	16,000	162
11	16,000	16,250	164
12	16,250	16,500	166
13	16,500	16,750	168
14	16,750	17,000	170
15	17,000	17,250	172
16	17,250	17,500	174
17	17,500	17,750	176
18	17,750	18,000	178
19	18,000	18,250	180
20	18,250	18,500	182
21	18,500	18,750	184
22	18,750	19,000	186
23	19,000	19,250	188
24	19,250	19,500	190
25	19,500	19,750	192
26	19,750	20,000	194
27	20,000	20,250	196
28	20,250	20,500	198
29	20,500	20,750	200
30	20,750	21,000	202
31	21,000	21,250	204

1	21,250	21,500	206
2	21,500	21,750	208
3	21,750	22,000	210
4	22,000	22,250	212
5	22,250	22,500	214
6	22,500	22,750	216
7	22,750	23,000	218
8	23,000	23,250	220
9	23,250	23,500	222
10	23,500	23,750	224
11	23,750	24,000	226
12	24,000	24,250	228
13	24,250	24,500	230
14	24,500	24,750	232
15	24,750	25,000	234
16	25,000	25,250	236
17	25,250	25,500	238
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19	25,750	26,000	242
20	26,000	26,250	244
21	26,250	26,500	246
22	26,500	26,750	248
23	26,750	27,000	250
24	27,000	27,250	252
25	27,250	27,500	254
26	27,500	27,750	256
27	27,750	28,000	258
28	28,000	28,250	260
29	28,250	28,500	262
30	28,500	28,750	264
31	28,750	29,000	266

1	29,000	29,250	268
2	29,250	29,500	270
3	29,500	29,750	272
4	29,750	30,000	274
5	30,000	30,250	276
6	30,250	30,500	278
7	30,500	30,750	280
8	30,750	31,000	282
9	31,000	31,250	284
10	31,250	31,500	286
11	31,500	31,750	288
12	31,750	32,000	290
13	32,000	32,250	292
14	32,250	32,500	294
15	32,500	32,750	296
16	32,750	<u>33,000</u>	<u>298</u>
17	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,250</u>	<u>300</u>
18	<u>33,250</u>	<u>33,500</u>	<u>302</u>
19	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,750</u>	<u>304</u>
20	<u>33,750</u>	<u>34,000</u>	<u>306</u>
21	<u>34,000</u>	<u>34,250</u>	<u>308</u>
22	<u>34,250</u>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>310</u>
23	<u>34,500</u>		<u>312</u> [296].

24 * **Sec. 4.** AS 23.20.379(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) An insured worker is disqualified for waiting-week credit or benefits for
 26 the first week in which the insured worker is unemployed and for the next **25** [FIVE]
 27 weeks of unemployment following that week if the insured worker

28 (1) left the insured worker's last suitable work voluntarily without
 29 good cause; or

30 (2) was discharged for misconduct connected with the insured worker's
 31 last work.

1 * **Sec. 5.** AS 23.20.379(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) An insured worker is disqualified for waiting-week credit or benefits for a
3 week and the next 25 [FIVE] weeks of unemployment following that week if, for that
4 week, the insured worker fails without good cause

5 (1) to apply for available suitable work to which the insured worker
6 was referred by the employment office; or

7 (2) to accept suitable work when offered to the insured worker.

8 * **Sec. 6.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2005.

9 * **Sec. 7.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2006.

10 * **Sec. 8.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2007.