

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 136(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/9/06

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR ELLIS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the calculation and payment of unemployment compensation**
2 **benefits; requiring insured workers eligible for benefits under the Alaska Employment**
3 **Security Act to actively seek work in order to be considered available for work; and**
4 **providing for an effective date."**

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

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

7 (d) An individual who is eligible under (a) of this section is entitled to receive
8 the weekly benefit amount set out in column (B) of the table in this subsection that is
9 opposite the amount set out in column (A) of the individual's base period wages
10 determined under (c) of this section:

11	(A)	(B)
12	Base Period Wages	Weekly Benefit
13		Amount
14	At least	But less than

1	0	1,000	\$ 0
2	1,000	1,250	44
3	1,250	1,500	46
4	1,500	1,750	48
5	1,750	2,000	50
6	2,000	2,250	52
7	2,250	2,500	54
8	2,500	2,750	56
9	2,750	3,000	58
10	3,000	3,250	60
11	3,250	3,500	62
12	3,500	3,750	64
13	3,750	4,000	66
14	4,000	4,250	68
15	4,250	4,500	70
16	4,500	4,750	72
17	4,750	5,000	74
18	5,000	5,250	76
19	5,250	5,500	78
20	5,500	5,750	80
21	5,750	6,000	82
22	6,000	6,250	84
23	6,250	6,500	86
24	6,500	6,750	88
25	6,750	7,000	90
26	7,000	7,250	92
27	7,250	7,500	94
28	7,500	7,750	96
29	7,750	8,000	98
30	8,000	8,250	100
31	8,250	8,500	102

1	8,500	8,750	104
2	8,750	9,000	106
3	9,000	9,250	108
4	9,250	9,500	110
5	9,500	9,750	112
6	9,750	10,000	114
7	10,000	10,250	116
8	10,250	10,500	118
9	10,500	10,750	120
10	10,750	11,000	122
11	11,000	11,250	124
12	11,250	11,500	126
13	11,500	11,750	128
14	11,750	12,000	130
15	12,000	12,250	132
16	12,250	12,500	134
17	12,500	12,750	136
18	12,750	13,000	138
19	13,000	13,250	140
20	13,250	13,500	142
21	13,500	13,750	144
22	13,750	14,000	146
23	14,000	14,250	148
24	14,250	14,500	150
25	14,500	14,750	152
26	14,750	15,000	154
27	15,000	15,250	156
28	15,250	15,500	158
29	15,500	15,750	160
30	15,750	16,000	162
31	16,000	16,250	164

1	16,250	16,500	166
2	16,500	16,750	168
3	16,750	17,000	170
4	17,000	17,250	172
5	17,250	17,500	174
6	17,500	17,750	176
7	17,750	18,000	178
8	18,000	18,250	180
9	18,250	18,500	182
10	18,500	18,750	184
11	18,750	19,000	186
12	19,000	19,250	188
13	19,250	19,500	190
14	19,500	19,750	192
15	19,750	20,000	194
16	20,000	20,250	196
17	20,250	20,500	198
18	20,500	20,750	200
19	20,750	21,000	202
20	21,000	21,250	204
21	21,250	21,500	206
22	21,500	21,750	208
23	21,750	22,000	210
24	22,000	22,250	212
25	22,250	22,500	214
26	22,500	22,750	216
27	22,750	23,000	218
28	23,000	23,250	220
29	23,250	23,500	222
30	23,500	23,750	224
31	23,750	24,000	226

1	24,000	24,250	228
2	24,250	24,500	230
3	24,500	24,750	232
4	24,750	25,000	234
5	25,000	25,250	236
6	25,250	25,500	238
7	25,500	25,750	240
8	25,750	26,000	242
9	26,000	26,250	244
10	26,250	26,500	246
11	26,500	26,750	248
12	26,750	<u>27,000</u>	<u>250</u>
13	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,250</u>	<u>252</u>
14	<u>27,250</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>254</u>
15	<u>27,500</u>	<u>27,750</u>	<u>256</u>
16	<u>27,750</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>258</u>
17	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,250</u>	<u>260</u>
18	<u>28,250</u>	<u>28,500</u>	<u>262</u>
19	<u>28,500</u>	<u>28,750</u>	<u>264</u>
20	<u>28,750</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>266</u>
21	<u>29,000</u>	<u>29,250</u>	<u>268</u>
22	<u>29,250</u>	<u>29,500</u>	<u>270</u>
23	<u>29,500</u>	<u>29,750</u>	<u>272</u>
24	<u>29,750</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>274</u>
25	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,250</u>	<u>276</u>
26	<u>30,250</u>	<u>30,500</u>	<u>278</u>
27	<u>30,500</u>	<u>30,750</u>	<u>280</u>
28	<u>30,750</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>282</u>
29	<u>31,000</u>	<u>31,250</u>	<u>284</u>
30	<u>31,250</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>286</u>
31	<u>31,500</u>	<u>31,750</u>	<u>288</u>

1	<u>31,750</u>	<u>32,000</u>	<u>290</u>
2	<u>32,000</u>	<u>32,250</u>	<u>292</u>
3	<u>32,250</u>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>294</u>
4	<u>32,500</u>	<u>32,750</u>	<u>296</u>
5	<u>32,750</u>	<u>33,000</u>	<u>298</u>
6	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,250</u>	<u>300</u>
7	<u>33,250</u>		<u>300</u> [248].

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.20.378(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) An insured worker is entitled to receive waiting-week credit or benefits for
10 a week of unemployment if for that week the insured worker is able to work and
11 available for suitable work. An insured worker is not considered available for work
12 unless registered for **and actively seeking** work in accordance with regulations
13 adopted by the department. An insured worker may not be disqualified for failure to
14 comply with this subsection if

15 (1) the insured worker is not available for work because the insured
16 worker

17 (A) is ill or disabled;

18 (B) is traveling to obtain medical services that are not available
19 in the area in which the insured worker resides, or, if a physician determines it
20 is necessary, the insured worker is accompanying a spouse or dependent who is
21 traveling to obtain medical services;

22 (C) resides in the state and is noncommercially hunting or
23 fishing for personal survival or the survival of dependents;

24 (D) is serving as a prospective or impaneled juror in a court; or

25 (E) is attending the funeral of an immediate family member for
26 a period of no longer than seven days; and

27 (2) a condition described in (1) of this subsection occurs during an
28 uninterrupted period of unemployment immediately following a week for which the
29 insured worker has filed a compensable claim, and work has not been offered that
30 would have been suitable for the insured worker before the illness, disability, hunting,
31 fishing, medical travel, jury service, or funeral attendance.

1 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2007.