

**SENATE BILL NO. 170**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR ELLIS

Introduced: 3/27/09

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act modifying the Alaska unemployment insurance statutes to comply with the  
2 requirements of the federal economic stimulus bill by redefining the base period for  
3 determining eligibility for unemployment benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 23.20.520(3) is amended to read:

6 (3) "base period" means the first four of the last five completed  
7 calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year,  
8 except that if an individual would not otherwise be eligible for unemployment  
9 compensation because of the use of a base period that does not include the most  
10 recently completed calendar quarter immediately preceding the first day of an  
11 individual's benefit year, "base period" means, and eligibility shall be  
12 determined using, the four most recently completed calendar quarters before the  
13 start of the benefit year;

14 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.