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2 SENATE BILL NO. 82

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to employment security;  
7 providing state employee coverage; revising  
8 the employer contribution rate and qualifi-  
9 cations for receiving benefits and making  
10 other changes; and providing for an effec-  
11 tive date."

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

13 \* Section 1. AS 23.20.520(12 is amended to read:

14 (12) "employing unit" means an individual or type  
15 of organization, including the state but not its munici-  
16 palties or other political subdivisions, partnership, associa-  
17 tion, trust, estate, joint trust company, insurance company  
18 or domestic or foreign corporation, or the receiver, referee  
19 in bankruptcy, trustee, or successor of one of these, or the  
20 legal representative of a deceased person, which has or sub-  
21 sequent to January 1, 1937, had one or more individuals per-  
22 forming service for it within the state; an individual per-  
23 forming services inside the state for an employing unit which  
24 maintains two or more separate establishments inside the  
25 state is considered as employed by a single employing unit  
26 for the purposes of this chapter;

27 \* Sec. 2. AS 23.20.525(b) is amended by adding a new para-  
28 graph to read:

29 (5) service performed on and after April 1, 1962

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1 by an individual for the state, and benefits are payable to  
2 an individual who establishes a benefit year on or after  
3 July 1, 1963 based upon wages earned for such employment.

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 23.20.525(c)(12) is amended to read:

5 (12) service performed in the employ of [THIS  
6 STATE OR] a municipality or other political subdivision of  
7 this state, except as provided in sec. 325 of this chapter.

8 \* Sec. 4. AS 23.20.525(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph  
9 to read:

10 (22) service performed by a member of the faculty  
11 of a state or public school, college, or university.

12 \* Sec. 5. AS 23.20.170 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

13 Sec. 23.20.170. RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS. Subject to  
14 secs. 175 and 280 - 310 of this chapter, on and after July 1,  
15 1963, each employer shall pay contributions equal to 3.6  
16 per cent and his employees shall pay contributions equal to  
17 .4 per cent of all wages paid by him and received by them with  
18 respect to employment.

19 \* Sec. 6. AS 23.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

20 Sec. 23.20.276. STATE PAYMENTS TO THE FUND. Notwith-  
21 standing the provisions of secs. 165 - 270 of this chapter,  
22 the state, in lieu of employer and employee contributions  
23 required by this chapter shall pay to the department for the  
24 unemployment compensation fund an amount equivalent to the  
25 amount of benefits paid to individuals based upon wages paid  
26 by the state. If an individual, during the base period, was  
27 employed by both the state and other employers subject to  
28 this chapter, the amount to be paid into the fund by the  
29 state with respect to the individual shall be an amount equal

1 to the additional cost of benefit payments made from the fund  
2 which would not have been incurred but for the inclusion of  
3 earnings from state employment in the individual's determina-  
4 tion of benefit rights. The amount of payments required  
5 under this section to be made into the fund shall be ascer-  
6 tained by the department once each quarter and shall be pay-  
7 able from the general fund of the state, except as provided  
8 in this chapter. If an individual to whom benefits were paid  
9 was paid wages by the state during the base period from a  
10 special or administrative fund provided by law, the payment  
11 to the department for the unemployment compensation fund  
12 shall be made from the special or administrative fund. If  
13 the base period wages of an individual include both wages  
14 for state employment paid from the general fund of the state  
15 and wages for state employment paid from special or adminis-  
16 trative funds, the amount to be paid into the unemployment  
17 compensation fund under this section with respect to the  
18 benefits paid the individual shall be prorated among the  
19 state funds in proportion to the wages paid to the individual  
20 from each of the funds during the base period. The payment  
21 by the state into the unemployment compensation fund shall  
22 be made at the times and in the manner the commissioner  
23 prescribes by regulation.

24 \* Sec. 7. AS 23.20.290(b) is amended to read:

25 (b) The department shall segregate the employers into  
26 groups in accordance with cumulative ratable payroll. The  
27 limits of the groups are those set out in column B of the  
28 table in this section. Each of these groups shall be identi-  
29 fied by the rate class number in column A which is opposite

1 the figures in column B which represents the percentage  
 2 limits of each group. An employer shall be assigned to the  
 3 rate class in which the greater part of the employer's ratable  
 4 payroll falls. If one-half of the employer's ratable payroll  
 5 falls in one class, and one-half in another, he shall be  
 6 assigned to the lower numbered rate class. No employer may  
 7 be assigned to a higher numbered rate class than is assigned  
 8 to another employer with the same average quarterly decline  
 9 quotient. An eligible employer and his employees shall pay  
 10 contributions on wages paid by him and received by them at  
 11 the contribution rate in column C and column D, respectively,  
 12 which are opposite the employer's rate class in column A.

13	A	B	C	D
14	RATE	EMPLOYER'S CUMULATIVE PAYROLL	CONTRIBUTION RATE	
15	CLASS	LIMITS (PER CENT OF STATE TOTAL	(PER CENT)	
16		RATABLE PAYROLL)	EMPLOYER	EMPLOYEE
17		MORE THAN	EQUAL TO OR	
18			LESS THAN	
19	1	0	10	<u>1.3</u> [1.5] <u>0.2</u> [0.3]
20	2	10	20	<u>1.7</u> [1.8] <u>0.2</u> [0.4]
21	3	20	30	<u>2.0</u> [2.1] <u>0.3</u> [0.5]
22	4	30	40	2.4 <u>0.3</u> [0.6]
23	5	40	50	<u>2.7</u> [2.9] <u>0.4</u> [0.6]
24	6	50	60	<u>3.0</u> [3.2] <u>0.4</u> [0.7]
25	7	60	70	<u>3.2</u> [3.5] <u>0.5</u> [0.8]
26	8	70	80	<u>3.4</u> [3.7] <u>0.5</u> [0.8]
27	9	80	90	<u>3.5</u> [3.8] <u>0.6</u> [0.9]
28	10	90	100	<u>3.6</u> [4.0] <u>0.6</u> [0.9]

29 \* Sec. 8. AS 23.20.325(a) is amended to read:

1 (a) A service performed for an employing unit, includ-  
2 ing [STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES,] municipalities [,] or  
3 other political subdivisions of the state, which is excluded  
4 under the definition of employment, and with respect to which  
5 no payments are required under the employment security law of  
6 another state or of the federal government, is considered  
7 employment for all purposes of this chapter if the department  
8 approves a written election to that effect filed by the  
9 employing unit for which the service is performed, as of the  
10 date stated in the approval. The department may not approve  
11 an election unless it (1) includes all the service of the  
12 type specified in each establishment or place of business  
13 for which the election is made, and (2) is made for not less  
14 than two calendar years.

15 \* Sec. 9. AS 23.20.350 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

16 Sec. 23.20.350. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS. (a) To qualify  
17 for benefits an individual shall have earned, in his base  
18 period, wages in employment totaling not less than \$600.

19 (b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, an indi-  
20 vidual's basic weekly benefit amount shall be 1/88th of his  
21 total wages in employment paid during his base period but not  
22 more than \$45, and shall be computed to the nearest whole  
23 dollar.

24 (c) Except as provided in (a) of this section, an indi-  
25 vidual's augmented weekly benefit amount shall be an amount  
26 consisting of his basic weekly benefit amount plus 10 per  
27 cent of his basic weekly benefit amount for each of his  
28 dependents who is in the state on the date he establishes his  
29 benefit year but not exceeding three dependents. The number

1 of his dependents shall be determined as of the date he  
2 establishes his benefit year, and shall be fixed for the  
3 duration of the benefit year. The augmented weekly benefit  
4 amount shall be computed to the nearest whole dollar.

5 (d) The maximum potential benefits of an individual in  
6 a benefit year shall be the product of his augmented weekly  
7 benefit amount multiplied by the lesser of (1) a number equal  
8 to 1/100th of his total wages in employment paid during his  
9 base period plus two, rounded to the nearest whole number, or  
10 (2) 26.

11 (e) In this section "dependent" means an individual's  
12 unmarried child, including stepchild and legally adopted  
13 child, under 18 years of age, who is principally supported by  
14 the individual. However, an individual's unmarried child, in-  
15 cluding stepchild and legally adopted child, who because of  
16 infirmity is prevented from engaging in a gainful occupation  
17 and who is principally dependent upon the individual for  
18 support is considered to be a dependent regardless of age.  
19 For the duration of a benefit year no dependent who has been  
20 claimed by a claimant and allowed as such shall be included  
21 as a dependent with regard to any other claimant.

22 \* Sec. 10. AS 23.20.175 is repealed.

23 \* Sec. 11. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1963 and does not  
24 affect benefits, including allowance for dependents, or duration  
25 of benefits for benefit years established before July 1, 1963.