

SENATE BILL NO. 230
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Referred: L&C, Finance

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the payment of unemployment insurance benefits and the computation
2 of employer contribution rates because of the Persian Gulf crisis; and providing for an
3 effective date."

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

5 * Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 23.20.280 - 23.20.310, when computing an
6 employer's contribution rate, the Department of Labor shall adjust the payroll of an employer whose
7 payroll has declined because the reserve status of one or more of the employer's employees was
8 activated because of the Persian Gulf crisis. The department shall make the adjustment by adding to the
9 payroll the wages that the employer would have paid the employees whose status was activated had they
10 continued to work for the employer less the amount of any wages paid to new employees hired to
11 replace the activated employees.

12 * Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 23.20.350 and 23.20.530, the Department of
13 Labor may not, because an individual was called from reserve status to active military service because
14 of the Persian Gulf crisis, reduce the unemployment benefits to which the individual would otherwise

1 be entitled. If the department finds that during an individual's base period the individual has been called
2 to active duty because of events in the Persian Gulf, and if the service of active duty constituted the
3 greater part of the individuals's working time in a calendar quarter, the individual's base period shall
4 be extended a calendar quarter, subject to the limitation set out in (b) of this section if the extension will
5 increase the benefits to which the individual is entitled. The extension of an individual's base period
6 may not exceed four calendar quarters.

7 (b) The maximum benefits payable as a result of the use of wages earned in a calendar quarter
8 before the individual's current base period, as defined in AS 23.20.520, shall be reduced by the amount
9 of benefits paid previously as a result of the use of those wages in computing a previous benefit
10 determination.

11 * Sec. 3. This Act is repealed June 30, 1995.

12 * Sec. 4. This Act is retroactive to August 2, 1990.

13 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).