

**SENATE BILL NO. 162****IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION****BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR****Introduced: 3/12/93**  
**Referred: L&C, FIN****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the implementation of the federal emergency unemployment  
2 compensation program; making changes relating to unemployment compensation  
3 under the extended benefits program and the supplemental state benefits program;  
4 and providing for an effective date."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 23.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7           Sec. 23.20.081. **EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**  
8 **PROGRAM.** The department may take the steps necessary to implement the  
9 emergency unemployment compensation program in 26 U.S.C. 3304. An individual's  
10 eligibility for benefits payable under the emergency unemployment compensation  
11 program is determined by the provisions of AS 23.20.406.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.20.353 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13           (c) In addition to the provisions of (b) of this section, supplemental state  
14 benefits remain available to an eligible individual for the same period, and under the

1 same conditions as the emergency unemployment compensation program under  
2 AS 23.20.081 and 26 U.S.C. 3304, during a period in which there is a state "off"  
3 indicator in place under AS 23.20.408(g)(2).

4 \* Sec. 3. AS 23.20.406(l) is amended to read:

5 (l) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this section, an individual is not eligible for  
6 extended benefits unless, in the base period determined with respect to the individual's  
7 applicable benefit year, the individual has been paid, for employment covered by this  
8 chapter,

9 (1) total wages that equal or exceed 40 times the weekly benefit  
10 amount, including any allowance for dependents, which is payable to the individual  
11 during the individual's applicable benefit year; or

12 (2) total wages that equal or exceed 1.5 times the individual's wages  
13 during the calendar quarter of the base period in which the individual's wages  
14 were the highest.

15 \* Sec. 4. AS 23.20.407 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (d) During a high unemployment period, as described in AS 23.20.408(i), the  
17 total extended benefit amount payable to an eligible individual with respect to the  
18 individual's applicable benefit year equals the lowest amount calculated under the  
19 following:

20 (1) 80 percent of the total amount of regular benefits, including  
21 dependents' allowances, that were payable to the individual under this chapter in the  
22 individual's applicable benefit year;

23 (2) 20 times the weekly benefit amount, including dependents'  
24 allowances, that was payable to the individual under this chapter for a week of total  
25 unemployment in the applicable benefit year; or

26 (3) 46 times the weekly benefit amount, including dependents'  
27 allowances, that was payable to the individual under this chapter for a week of total  
28 unemployment in the applicable benefit year, reduced by the total amount of regular  
29 benefits that were paid or considered by the department to be paid to the individual  
30 under this chapter with respect to the benefit year.

31 \* Sec. 5. AS 23.20.408(f) is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 (f) Except as provided in (g)(2) of this section, there is a state "on" indicator  
2 for a week if

3 (1) the rate of insured unemployment under this chapter for the period  
4 consisting of that week and the immediately preceding 12 weeks either

5 (A) equaled or exceeded 120 percent of the average rate of  
6 insured unemployment for the corresponding 13-week period in each of the  
7 preceding two calendar years and equaled or exceeded five percent; or

8 (B) equaled or exceeded six percent, without regard to the rate  
9 of insured unemployment in the two previous years; or

10 (2) the average rate of seasonally adjusted total unemployment, as  
11 determined by the United States Secretary of Labor, for the period consisting of the  
12 most recent three months for which data for all states are published before the end of  
13 that week

14 (A) equals or exceeds 6.5 percent; and

15 (B) equals or exceeds 110 percent of that average for either or  
16 both of the corresponding three-month periods ending in the two preceding  
17 calendar years.

18 \* Sec. 6. AS 23.20.408(g) is repealed and reenacted to read:

19 (g) There is a state "off" indicator for a week if,

20 (1) for the period consisting of that week and the immediately  
21 preceding 12 weeks, there was not an "on" indicator under (f) of this section; or

22 (2) notwithstanding (f) of this section, in that week the state is  
23 otherwise eligible to participate in the emergency unemployment compensation  
24 program in 26 U.S.C. 3304, but the department must trigger "off" to enable the state  
25 to participate in that program.

26 \* Sec. 7. AS 23.20.408 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

27 (i) The state is in a high unemployment period if the circumstances set out in  
28 AS 23.20.408(f)(2) are present, but the average rate of seasonally adjusted total  
29 unemployment equals or exceeds eight percent.

30 \* Sec. 8. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF INELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR  
31 EXTENDED BENEFITS. For the period March 7, 1993 through December 31, 1994, the

- 1 provisions of AS 23.20.406(c) - (h) and (k) regarding ineligibility for extended benefits are  
2 suspended for those weeks of an individual's unemployment during that period.
- 3 \* Sec. 9. Section 8 of this Act is repealed.
- 4 \* Sec. 10. Section 8 of this Act is retroactive to March 7, 1993.
- 5 \* Sec. 11. Sections 8 and 10 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).
- 6 \* Sec. 12. Sections 1, 2, and 4 - 7 of this Act take effect July 1, 1993.
- 7 \* Sec. 13. Section 3 of this Act takes effect October 3, 1993.
- 8 \* Sec. 14. Section 9 of this Act takes effect January 1, 1995.