

Amendment No.      (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Frankel offered the following:

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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

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On page 39, between lines 29 and 30,

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insert:

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Section 6. Subsection (7) of Section 443.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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443.111 Payment of benefits.--

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(3) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.--An individual's "weekly benefit amount" shall be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth of the total wages for insured work paid during that quarter of the base period in which such total wages paid were the highest, but not less than \$32 or more than \$275. For claims with benefit years beginning October 1, 2002, ~~January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000~~, an additional amount equal to \$25 or 15 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount, whichever is greater, shall be added for each compensable week ~~the first 8 compensable weeks~~ of benefits paid, not to exceed ~~\$316~~ \$288.

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Such weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of \$1, shall be rounded downward to the nearest full dollar amount. The

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1 maximum weekly benefit amount in effect at the time the  
2 claimant establishes an individual weekly benefit amount shall  
3 be the maximum benefit amount applicable throughout the  
4 claimant's benefit year.

5 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.--

6 (a)1. Any otherwise eligible individual shall be  
7 entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits  
8 equal to 25 percent of the total wages in the base period, not  
9 to exceed \$7,150. For claims with benefit years beginning  
10 October 1, 2002, through June 30, 2004 ~~January 1, 2000,~~  
11 ~~through December 31, 2000,~~ an additional amount equal to \$650  
12 or 15 5 percent of the weekly benefit amount multiplied by 26,  
13 whichever is greater, 8 shall be added to the calculated total  
14 amount of benefits, the sum of which may not exceed \$8,216  
15 ~~\$7,254~~. However, such total amount of benefits, if not a  
16 multiple of \$1, shall be rounded downward to the nearest full  
17 dollar amount. Such benefits shall be payable at a weekly rate  
18 no greater than the weekly benefit amount.

19 2. For the purposes of this subsection, wages shall be  
20 counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes with  
21 respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins  
22 subsequent to the date on which the employing unit by whom  
23 such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of this  
24 chapter with respect to becoming an employer.

25 Section 7. Except as otherwise provided in this act,  
26 this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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29 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

30 And the title is amended as follows:

31 On page 3, line 5, after the semicolon,

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1 insert:  
2           amending s. 443.111, F.S.; providing, for a  
3           limited time period, an increase in weekly  
4           benefit amounts and the total amount of  
5           benefits;  
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