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CHAPTER $\qquad$
1 AN ACT concerning
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## Unemployment Insurance - Maximum Benefit

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum weekly unemployment insurance
4 benefit amount; providing for the application of this Act; making this Act subject
5 to a certain contingency; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally
6 relating to unemployment insurance benefits.
7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Labor and Employment
9 Section 8-803(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Labor and Employment
14 Section 8-803(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Labor and Employment

2 8-803.
3 (a) (1) To determine the weekly benefit amount to assign to a claimant in 4 the schedule of benefits in subsection (b) of this section, the line in the schedule of 5 benefits shall be located in which the high quarter wages in column (A) correspond to 6 wages that the claimant was paid for covered employment in the calendar quarter of 7 the claimant's base period in which those wages were highest.

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(2) The claimant shall be assigned:

9
(i) the weekly benefit amount in column (B) of the schedule for

10 that line; or

11
(ii) if the claimant is not eligible under § 8-802 of this subtitle for 12 that weekly benefit amount but was paid wages to qualify in 1 of the next 6 lower
13 lines of the schedule, the weekly benefit amount in the next lower line in column (B) 14 of the schedule.

15 (b)
16
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

| 17 |  | eekly Minimum |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 18 |  |  | Benefit | Qualifying |  |
| 19 | Line | High Quarter | Wages | Amou | t Wages |
| 20 |  | (A) | (B) | (C) |  |
| 21 |  | \$576.01 to \$ 600.00 | 25.00 | 900.00 |  |
| 22 |  | \$600.01 to \$ 624.00 | 26.00 | 936.00 |  |
| 23 |  | \$624.01 to \$ 648.00 | 27.00 | 972.0 |  |
| 24 |  | \$648.01 to \$ 672.00 | 28.00 | 1,008 |  |
| 25 |  | \$672.01 to \$ 696.00 | 29.00 | 1,04 |  |
| 26 | (6) \$ | \$696.01 to \$ 720.00 | 30.00 | 1,08 |  |
| 27 | (7) \$ | \$720.01 to \$ 744.00 | 31.00 | 1,116 |  |
| 28 |  | \$744.01 to \$ 768.00 | 32.00 | 1,152 |  |
| 29 |  | \$768.01 to \$ 792.00 | 33.00 | 1,188 |  |
| 30 | (10) | \$792.01 to \$ | 816.00 | 34.00 | 1,224.00 |
| 31 | (11) | \$816.01 to \$ | 840.00 | 35.00 | 1,260.00 |
| 32 | (12) | \$840.01 to \$ | 864.00 | 36.00 | 1,296.00 |
| 33 | (13) | \$864.01 to \$ | 888.00 | 37.00 | 1,332.00 |
| 34 | (14) | \$888.01 to \$ | 912.00 | 38.00 | 1,368.00 |
| 35 | (15) | \$912.01 to \$ | 936.00 | 39.00 | 1,404.00 |
| 36 | (16) | \$936.01 to \$ | 960.00 | 40.00 | 1,440.00 |
| 37 | (17) | \$960.01 to \$ | 984.00 | 41.00 | 1,476.00 |
| 38 | (18) | \$984.01 to \$ | 1,008.00 | 42.00 | 1,512.00 |
| 39 | (19) | \$1,008.01 to | \$1,032.00 | 43.00 | 1,548.00 |
| 40 | (20) | \$1,032.01 to | \$1,056.00 | 44.00 | 1,584.00 |




| 1 (117) | \$3,360.01 to \$3,384.00 | 141.00 | 5,076.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 (118) | \$3,384.01 to \$3,408.00 | 142.00 | 5,112.00 |
| 3 (119) | \$3,408.01 to \$3,432.00 | 143.00 | 5,148.00 |
| 4 (120) | \$3,432.01 to \$3,456.00 | 144.00 | 5,184.00 |
| 5 (121) | \$3,456.01 to \$3,480.00 | 145.00 | 5,220.00 |
| 6 (122) | \$3,480.01 to \$3,504.00 | 146.00 | 5,256.00 |
| 7 (123) | \$3,504.01 to \$3,528.00 | 147.00 | 5,292.00 |
| 8 (124) | \$3,528.01 to \$3,552.00 | 148.00 | 5,328.00 |
| 9 (125) | \$3,552.01 to \$3,576.00 | 149.00 | 5,364.00 |
| 10 (126) | \$3,576.01 to \$3,600.00 | 150.00 | 5,400.00 |
| 11 (127) | \$3,600.01 to \$3,624.00 | 151.00 | 5,436.00 |
| 12 (128) | \$3,624.01 to \$3,648.00 | 152.00 | 5,472.00 |
| 13 (129) | \$3,648.01 to \$3,672.00 | 153.00 | 5,508.00 |
| 14 (130) | \$3,672.01 to \$3,696.00 | 154.00 | 5,544.00 |
| 15 (131) | \$3,696.01 to \$3,720.00 | 155.00 | 5,580.00 |
| 16 (132) | \$3,720.01 to \$3,744.00 | 156.00 | 5,616.00 |
| 17 (133) | \$3,744.01 to \$3,768.00 | 157.00 | 5,652.00 |
| 18 (134) | \$3,768.01 to \$3,792.00 | 158.00 | 5,688.00 |
| 19 (135) | \$3,792.01 to \$3,816.00 | 159.00 | 5,724.00 |
| 20 (136) | \$3,816.01 to \$3,840.00 | 160.00 | 5,760.00 |
| 21 (137) | \$3,840.01 to \$3,864.00 | 161.00 | 5,796.00 |
| 22 (138) | \$3,864.01 to \$3,888.00 | 162.00 | 5,832.00 |
| 23 (139) | \$3,888.01 to \$3,912.00 | 163.00 | 5,868.00 |
| 24 (140) | \$3,912.01 to \$3,936.00 | 164.00 | 5,904.00 |
| 25 (141) | \$3,936.01 to \$3,960.00 | 165.00 | 5,940.00 |
| 26 (142) | \$3,960.01 to \$3,984.00 | 166.00 | 5,976.00 |
| 27 (143) | \$3,984.01 to \$4,008.00 | 167.00 | 6,012.00 |
| 28 (144) | \$4,008.01 to \$4,032.00 | 168.00 | 6,048.00 |
| 29 (145) | \$4,032.01 to \$4,056.00 | 169.00 | 6,084.00 |
| 30 (146) | \$4,056.01 to \$4,080.00 | 170.00 | 6,120.00 |
| 31 (147) | \$4,080.01 to \$4,104.00 | 171.00 | 6,156.00 |
| 32 (148) | \$4,104.01 to \$4,128.00 | 172.00 | 6,192.00 |
| 33 (149) | \$4,128.01 to \$4,152.00 | 173.00 | 6,228.00 |
| 34 (150) | \$4,152.01 to \$4,176.00 | 174.00 | 6,264.00 |
| 35 (151) | \$4,176.01 to \$4,200.00 | 175.00 | 6,300.00 |
| 36 (152) | \$4,200.01 to \$4,224.00 | 176.00 | 6,336.00 |
| 37 (153) | \$4,224.01 to \$4,248.00 | 177.00 | 6,372.00 |
| 38 (154) | \$4,248.01 to \$4,272.00 | 178.00 | 6,408.00 |
| 39 (155) | \$4,272.01 to \$4,296.00 | 179.00 | 6,444.00 |
| 40 (156) | \$4,296.01 to \$4,320.00 | 180.00 | 6,480.00 |
| 41 (157) | \$4,320.01 to \$4,344.00 | 181.00 | 6,516.00 |
| 42 (158) | \$4,344.01 to \$4,368.00 | 182.00 | 6,552.00 |
| 43 (159) | \$4,368.01 to \$4,392.00 | 183.00 | 6,588.00 |
| 44 (160) | \$4,392.01 to \$4,416.00 | 184.00 | 6,624.00 |
| 45 (161) | \$4,416.01 to \$4,440.00 | 185.00 | 6,660.00 |
| 46 (162) | \$4,440.01 to \$4,464.00 | 186.00 | 6,696.00 |
| 47 (163) | \$4,464.01 to \$4,488.00 | 187.00 | 6,732.00 |
| 48 (164) | \$4,488.01 to \$4,512.00 | 188.00 | 6,768.00 |


| 1 (165) | \$4,512.01 to \$4,536.00 | 189.00 | 6,804.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 (166) | \$4,536.01 to \$4,560.00 | 190.00 | 6,840.00 |
| 3 (167) | \$4,560.01 to \$4,584.00 | 191.00 | 6,876.00 |
| 4 (168) | \$4,584.01 to \$4,608.00 | 192.00 | 6,912.00 |
| 5 (169) | \$4,608.01 to \$4,632.00 | 193.00 | 6,948.00 |
| 6 (170) | \$4,632.01 to \$4,656.00 | 194.00 | 6,984.00 |
| 7 (171) | \$4,656.01 to \$4,680.00 | 195.00 | 7,020.00 |
| 8 (172) | \$4,680.01 to \$4,704.00 | 196.00 | 7,056.00 |
| 9 (173) | \$4,704.01 to \$4,728.00 | 197.00 | 7,092.00 |
| 10 (174) | \$4,728.01 to \$4,752.00 | 198.00 | 7,128.00 |
| 11 (175) | \$4,752.01 to \$4,776.00 | 199.00 | 7,164.00 |
| 12 (176) | \$4,776.01 to \$4,800.00 | 200.00 | 7,200.00 |
| 13 (177) | \$4,800.01 to \$4,824.00 | 201.00 | 7,236.00 |
| 14 (178) | \$4,824.01 to \$4,848.00 | 202.00 | 7,272.00 |
| 15 (179) | \$4,848.01 to \$4,872.00 | 203.00 | 7,308.00 |
| 16 (180) | \$4,872.01 to \$4,896.00 | 204.00 | 7,344.00 |
| 17 (181) | \$4,896.01 to \$4,920.00 | 205.00 | 7,380.00 |
| 18 (182) | \$4,920.01 to \$4,944.00 | 206.00 | 7,416.00 |
| 19 (183) | \$4,944.01 to \$4,968.00 | 207.00 | 7,452.00 |
| 20 (184) | \$4,968.01 to \$4,992.00 | 208.00 | 7,488.00 |
| 21 (185) | \$4,992.01 to \$5,016.00 | 209.00 | 7,524.00 |
| 22 (186) | \$5,016.01 to \$5,040.00 | 210.00 | 7,560.00 |
| 23 (187) | \$5,040.01 to \$5,064.00 | 211.00 | 7,596.00 |
| 24 (188) | \$5,064.01 to \$5,088.00 | 212.00 | 7,632.00 |
| 25 (189) | \$5,088.01 to \$5,112.00 | 213.00 | 7,668.00 |
| 26 (190) | \$5,112.01 to \$5,136.00 | 214.00 | 7,704.00 |
| 27 (191) | \$5,136.01 to \$5,160.00 | 215.00 | 7,740.00 |
| 28 (192) | \$5,160.01 to \$5,184.00 | 216.00 | 7,776.00 |
| 29 (193) | \$5,184.01 to \$5,208.00 | 217.00 | 7,812.00 |
| 30 (194) | \$5,208.01 to \$5,232.00 | 218.00 | 7,848.00 |
| 31 (195) | \$5,232.01 to \$5,256.00 | 219.00 | 7,884.00 |
| 32 (196) | \$5,256.01 to \$5,280.00 | 220.00 | 7,920.00 |
| 33 (197) | \$5,280.01 to \$5,304.00 | 221.00 | 7,956.00 |
| 34 (198) | \$5,304.01 to \$5,328.00 | 222.00 | 7,992.00 |
| 35 (199) | \$5,328.01 to \$5,352.00 | 223.00 | 8,028.00 |
| 36 (200) | \$5,352.01 to \$5,376.00 | 224.00 | 8,064.00 |
| 37 (201) | \$5,376.01 to \$5,400.00 | 225.00 | 8,100.00 |
| 38 (202) | \$5,400.01 to \$5,424.00 | 226.00 | 8,136.00 |
| 39 (203) | \$5,424.01 to \$5,448.00 | 227.00 | 8,172.00 |
| 40 (204) | \$5,448.01 to \$5,472.00 | 228.00 | 8,208.00 |
| 41 (205) | \$5,472.01 to \$5,496.00 | 229.00 | 8,244.00 |
| 42 (206) | \$5,496.01 to \$5,520.00 | 230.00 | 8,280.00 |
| 43 (207) | \$5,520.01 to \$5,544.00 | 231.00 | 8,316.00 |
| 44 (208) | \$5,544.01 to \$5,568.00 | 232.00 | 8,352.00 |
| 45 (209) | \$5,568.01 to \$5,592.00 | 233.00 | 8,388.00 |
| 46 (210) | \$5,592.01 to \$5,616.00 | 234.00 | 8,424.00 |
| 47 (211) | \$5,616.01 to \$5,640.00 | 235.00 | 8,460.00 |
| 48 (212) | \$5,640.01 to \$5,664.00 | 236.00 | 8,496.00 |


| 1 (213) | \$5,664.01 to \$5,688.00 | 237.00 | 8,532.00 |
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| 2 (214) | \$5,688.01 to \$5,712.00 | 238.00 | 8,568.00 |
| 3 (215) | \$5,712.01 to \$5,736.00 | 239.00 | 8,604.00 |
| 4 (216) | \$5,736.01 to \$5,760.00 | 240.00 | 8,640.00 |
| 5 (217) | \$5,760.01 to \$5,784.00 | 241.00 | 8,676.00 |
| 6 (218) | \$5,784.01 to \$5,808.00 | 242.00 | 8,712.00 |
| 7 (219) | \$5,808.01 to \$5,832.00 | 243.00 | 8,748.00 |
| 8 (220) | \$5,832.01 to \$5,856.00 | 244.00 | 8,784.00 |
| 9 (221) | \$5,856.01 to \$5,880.00 | 245.00 | 8,820.00 |
| 10 (222) | \$5,880.01 to \$5,904.00 | 246.00 | 8,856.00 |
| 11 (223) | \$5,904.01 to \$5,928.00 | 247.00 | 8,892.00 |
| 12 (224) | \$5,928.01 to \$5,952.00 | 248.00 | 8,928.00 |
| 13 (225) | \$5,952.01 to \$5,976.00 | 249.00 | 8,964.00 |
| 14 (226) | \$5,976.01 to \$6,000.00 | 250.00 | 9,000.00 |
| 15 (227) | \$6,000.01 to \$6,024.00 | 251.00 | 9,036.00 |
| 16 (228) | \$6,024.01 to \$6,048.00 | 252.00 | 9,072.00 |
| 17 (229) | \$6,048.01 to \$6,072.00 | 253.00 | 9,108.00 |
| 18 (230) | \$6,072.01 to \$6,096.00 | 254.00 | 9,144.00 |
| 19 (231) | \$6,096.01 to \$6,120.00 | 255.00 | 9,180.00 |
| 20 (232) | \$6,120.01 to \$6,144.00 | 256.00 | 9,216.00 |
| 21 (233) | \$6,144.01 to \$6,168.00 | 257.00 | 9,252.00 |
| 22 (234) | \$6,168.01 to \$6,192.00 | 258.00 | 9,288.00 |
| 23 (235) | \$6,192.01 to \$6,216.00 | 259.00 | 9,324.00 |
| 24 (236) | \$6,216.01 to \$6,240.00 | 260.00 | 9,360.00 |
| 25 (237) | \$6,240.01 to \$6,264.00 | 261.00 | 9,396.00 |
| 26 (238) | \$6,264.01 to \$6,288.00 | 262.00 | 9,432.00 |
| 27 (239) | \$6,288.01 to \$6,312.00 | 263.00 | 9,468.00 |
| 28 (240) | \$6,312.01 to \$6,336.00 | 264.00 | 9,504.00 |
| 29 (241) | \$6,336.01 to \$6,360.00 | 265.00 | 9,540.00 |
| 30 (242) | \$6,360.01 to \$6,384.00 | 266.00 | 9,576.00 |
| 31 (243) | \$6,384.01 to \$6,408.00 | 267.00 | 9,612.00 |
| 32 (244) | \$6,408.01 to \$6,432.00 | 268.00 | 9,648.00 |
| 33 (245) | \$6,432.01 to \$6,456.00 | 269.00 | 9,684.00 |
| 34 (246) | \$6,456.01 to \$6,480.00 | 270.00 | 9,720.00 |
| 35 (247) | \$6,480.01 to \$6,504.00 | 271.00 | 9,756.00 |
| 36 (248) | \$6,504.01 to \$6,528.00 | 272.00 | 9,792.00 |
| 37 (249) | \$6,528.01 to \$6,552.00 | 273.00 | 9,828.00 |
| 38 (250) | \$6,552.01 to \$6,576.00 | 274.00 | 9,864.00 |
| 39 (251) | \$6,576.01 to \$6,600.00 | 275.00 | 9,900.00 |
| 40 (252) | \$6,600.01 to \$6,624.00 | 276.00 | 9,936.00 |
| 41 (253) | \$6,624.01 to \$6,648.00 | 277.00 | 9,972.00 |
| 42 (254) | \$6,648.01 to \$6,672.00 | 278.00 | 10,008.00 |
| 43 (255) | \$6,672.01 to \$6,696.00 | 279.00 | 10,044.00 |
| 44 [(256) | \$6,696.01 and over | 280.00 | 10,080.00] |
| 45 (256) | \$6,696.01 TO \$6,720.00 | 280.00 | 10,080.00 |
| 46 (257) | \$6,720.01 TO \$6,744.00 | 281.00 | 10,116.00 |
| 47 (258) | \$6,744.01 TO \$6,768.00 | 282.00 | 10,152.00 |
| 48 (259) | \$6,768.01 TO \$6,792.00 | 283.00 | 10,188.00 |


|  | (260) | \$6,792.01 TO \$6,816.00 | 284.00 | 10,224.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | (261) | \$6,816.01 TO \$6,840.00 | 285.00 | 10,260.00 |
| 3 | (262) | \$6,840.01 TO \$6,864.00 | 286.00 | 10,296.00 |
| 4 | (263) | \$6,864.01 TO \$6,888.00 | 287.00 | 10,332.00 |
| 5 | (264) | \$6,888.01 TO \$6,912.00 | 288.00 | 10,368.00 |
| 6 | (265) | \$6,912.01 TO \$6,936.00 | 289.00 | 10,404.00 |
| 7 | (266) | \$6,936.01 TO \$6,960.00 | 290.00 | 10,440.00 |
| 8 | (267) | \$6,960.01 TO \$6,984.00 | 291.00 | 10,476.00 |
| 9 | (268) | \$6,984.01 TO \$7,008.00 | 292.00 | 10,512.00 |
| 10 | (269) | \$7,008.01 TO \$7,032.00 | 293.00 | 10,548.00 |
|  | (270) | \$7,032.01 TO \$7,056.00 | 294.00 | 10,584.00 |
| 12 | (271) | \$7,056.01 TO \$7,080.00 | 295.00 | 10,620.00 |
| 13 | (272) | \$7,080.01 TO \$7,104.00 | 296.00 | 10,656.00 |
| 14 | (273) | \$7,104.01 TO \$7,128.00 | 297.00 | 10,692.00 |
| 15 | (274) | \$7,128.01 TO \$7,152.00 | 298.00 | 10,728.00 |
| 16 | (275) | \$7,152.01 TO \$7,176.00 | 299.00 | 10,764.00 |
| 17 | (276) | \$7,176.01 TO \$7,200.00 | 300.00 | 10,800.00 |
| 18 | (277) | \$7,200.01 TO \$7,224.00 | 301.00 | 10,836.00 |
| 19 | (278) | \$7,224.01 TO \$7,248.00 | 302.00 | 10,872.00 |
| 20 | (279) | \$7,248.01 TO \$7,272.00 | 303.00 | 10,908.00 |
| 21 | (280) | \$7,272.01 TO \$7,296.00 | 304.00 | 10,944.00 |
| 22 | (281) | \$7,296.01 TO \$7,320.00 | 305.00 | 10,980.00 |
| 23 | (282) | \$7,320.01 TO \$7,344.00 | 306.00 | 11,016.00 |
| 24 | (283) | \$7,344.01 TO \$7,368.00 | 307.00 | 11,052.00 |
| 25 | (284) | \$7,368.01 TO \$7,392.00 | 308.00 | 11,088.00 |
| 26 | (285) | \$7,392.01 TO \$7,416.00 | 309.00 | 11,124.00 |
| 27 | (286) | \$7,416.01 TO\$7,440.00 | 310.00 | 11,160.00 |
| 28 |  | AND OVER |  |  |
| 29 | (287) | \$7,440.01 TO \$7,464.0 | 311.0 | 1,196.09 |
| 30 | (288) | \$7,464.01 TO \$7,488.0 | 312.0 | 1,232.09 |
| 31 | (289) | \$7,488.01 TO \$7,512.0 | 313.00 | 11,268.00 |
| 3 | (290) | \$7,512.01 TO \$7,536.00 | 314.00 | 11,304.00 |
|  | (291) | \$7,536.01 TO \$7,560.00 | 315.00 | 11,340.00 |
| 34 | (292) | \$7,560.01 TO \$7,584.00 | 316.00 | 11,376.00 |
| 35 | (293) | \$7,584.01 TO \$7,608.0 | 317.0 | 11,412.00 |
| 36 | (294) | \$7,608.01 TO \$7,632.0 | 318.0 | 11,448.00 |
| 37 | (295) | \$7,632.01 TO \$7,656.00 | 319.00 | 11,484.00 |
| 38 | (296) | \$7,656.01 TO \$7,680.00 | 320.00 | 11,520.00 |
| 9 | (297) | \$7,680.01 TO \$7,704.00 | 321.00 | 11,556.00 |
| 40 | (298) | \$7,704.01 TO \$7,728.00 | 322.00 | 11,592.00 |
|  | (299) | \$7,728.01 TO \$7,752.0 | 323.00 | 11,628.00 |
| 42 | (300) | \$7,752.01 TO \$7,776.00 | 324.00 | 11,664.00 |
| 43 | (301) | \$7,776.01 TO \$7,800.00 | 325.00 | 11,700.00 |
| 44 | (302) | \$7,800.01 TO \$7,824.00 | 326.00 | 11,736.00 |
| 45 | (303) | \$7,824.01 TO \$7,848.00 | 327.00 | 11,772.00 |
| 46 | (304) | \$7,848.01 TO \$7,872.00 | 328.00 | 11,808.00 |
| 47 | (305) | \$7,872.01 TO \$7,896.00 | 329.00 | 11,844.00 |
| 48 | (306) | \$7,896.01 TO \$7,920.00 | 330.00 | 11,880.00 |



1 (355) $\$ 9,072.01 \mathrm{TO} \$ 9,096.00 \quad 379.00 \quad 13,644.00$
2 (356) \$9,096.01 AND OVER $380.00 \quad 13,680.00$
3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the Department of 4 Labor, Licensing, and Regulation determines that on September 30, 2002, the ratio 5 between the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance and the total taxable
6 wages for the four completed calendar quarters immediately preceding September 30,
7 2002, is less than $4.7 \%$, the provisions of this Act shall be null and void without the
8 necessity of further action by the General Assembly. If the Department of Labor,
9 Licensing, and Regulation determines that on September 30, 2002, the ratio between
10 the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance and the total taxable wages for the
11 four completed calendar quarters immediately preceding September 30, 2002, is less
12 than $4.7 \%$, the Department shall notify the Department of Legislative Services, 90
13 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland, within 15 days of that determination.
14 SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2
15 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002 January 1, 2003 and shall apply to
16 all claims filed establishing a new benefit year on or after Jelly 1, 2002 January 5,
172003.

