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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment - Unemployment Insurance - Allowance for**
3 **Dependents**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of the allowance for certain dependents;
5 repealing a provision that states that benefits and the allowance for dependents
6 may not exceed a certain amount in a certain amount of time; and generally
7 relating to allowances for dependents.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Labor and Employment
10 Section 8-804
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Labor and Employment**

16 8-804.

17 (a) (1) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, in addition to the weekly
18 benefit amount in the schedule of benefits, a claimant shall be paid an allowance of
19 [\$8] \$25 for each child, adopted child, or stepchild of the claimant who, on the 1st day
20 of the benefit year, is:

21 (i) wholly or partly supported by the claimant; and

22 (ii) under 16 years of age.

23 (2) A claimant shall submit to the Secretary the Social Security number
24 or copy of the birth certificate of each dependent for whom the claimant is to be paid
25 an allowance.

26 (b) [(1)] An allowance under this section is not payable:

- 1 [(i)] (1) for more than 5 dependents of the claimant;
- 2 [(ii)] (2) for longer than the number of weeks of benefits allowable
3 to the claimant for total unemployment; or
- 4 [(iii)] (3) for any week in which an unemployment benefit is not
5 payable to the claimant.

6 [(2) Benefits and the allowance under this section in any 1 week may not
7 exceed the highest weekly benefit amount in the schedule of benefits.]

8 (c) (1) The number of a claimant's dependents shall be determined as of the
9 1st day of the benefit year and shall be fixed for the duration of the benefit year.

10 (2) After an individual has been determined to be a dependent of a
11 claimant, the individual may not be considered to be a dependent of any other
12 claimant whose benefit year starts within 1 year after the determination.

13 (d) In the computation of a contribution rate under Part II of Subtitle 6 of this
14 title, an allowance for a dependent shall be considered a benefit.

15 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, an allowance for a
16 dependent may not be deducted from a claimant's benefit account.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2003.