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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Labor and Employment - Unemployment Insurance - Weekly Benefits**
3 **Calculation**

4 FOR the purpose of modifying the method for calculating an individual's
5 unemployment insurance weekly benefits under certain circumstances;
6 prohibiting the use of wages used for a certain calculation from being used for
7 certain circumstances; and generally relating to unemployment insurance
8 benefits.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Labor and Employment
11 Section 8-803(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 8-803.

18 (a) (1) To determine the weekly benefit amount to assign to a claimant in
19 the schedule of benefits in subsection (b) of this section, the line in the schedule of
20 benefits shall be located in which the high quarter wages in column (A) correspond to
21 wages that the claimant was paid for covered employment in the calendar quarter of
22 the claimant's base period in which those wages were highest.

23 (2) The claimant shall be assigned:

24 (i) the weekly benefit amount in column (B) of the schedule for
25 that line; or

26 (ii) if the claimant is not eligible under § 8-802 of this subtitle for
27 that weekly benefit amount but was paid wages to qualify in 1 of the next 6 lower

1 lines of the schedule, the weekly benefit amount in the next lower line in column (B)
2 of the schedule.

3 (3) (I) IF AN INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT WAGES IN THE
4 BASE PERIOD TO QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS, THE INDIVIDUAL'S ALTERNATIVE BASE
5 PERIOD SHALL BE THE LAST 4 COMPLETE CALENDAR QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY
6 PRECEDING THE FIRST DAY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S BENEFIT YEAR.

7 (II) WAGES USED IN THE ALTERNATIVE BASE PERIOD
8 CALCULATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE USED IN QUALIFYING FOR A
9 SUBSEQUENT BENEFIT YEAR.

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