
By: **Senators Middleton, Exum, and Kelley (Unemployment Insurance Funding Task Force) and Senators Astle, Della, Gladden, Hafer, Hooper, Klausmeier, Pipkin, and Teitelbaum**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance - Charging and Taxation - Benefits - Oversight**
3 **Committee**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the unemployment insurance charging and taxation
5 system; altering the standard rate of contribution that certain employing units
6 are required to pay; increasing the maximum weekly unemployment insurance
7 benefit amount; increasing the amount of wages used to compute a claimant's
8 weekly benefit amount for partial benefits; establishing a certain oversight
9 committee; requiring the committee to report to the Governor and the General
10 Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the application of this Act;
11 providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; defining a certain
12 term; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the unemployment
13 insurance charging and taxation system and benefits and the establishment of a
14 Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article - Labor and Employment
17 Section 8-608, 8-609(a) and (b), 8-610(c), 8-612, and 8-803
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Labor and Employment**

2 8-608.

3 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, "STANDARD RATE" MEANS THE MAXIMUM RATE IN THE
4 APPLICABLE TABLE OF ~~BASIC~~ RATES UNDER § 8-612(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

5 (B) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an employing unit shall pay
6 contributions at the standard rate [of 7.5% of] APPLIED TO the taxable wage base.

7 8-609.

8 (a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

9 (2) "New employer" means an employing unit that does not qualify for an
10 earned rate under § 8-610 of this subtitle.

11 (3) "Employer industry category" means the [2-digit standard industry
12 classification code] 6-DIGIT NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM
13 promulgated by the Federal Office of Management and Budget.

14 (b) A new employer shall pay contributions at a rate that does not exceed
15 [2.3%] 2.6% of the taxable wage base, and that is the highest of:

16 (1) 1% of the taxable wage base;

17 (2) the 5-year benefit cost rate of the State as computed under
18 subsection (c) of this section; or

19 (3) the contribution rate under § 8-611 of this subtitle that applies to an
20 employing unit with a benefit ratio of 0.000.

21 8-610.

22 (c) If an employing unit has met each of the requirements to qualify for an
23 earned rate but files no contribution reports for any of the 3 rating years immediately
24 preceding the computation date as required by § 8-626 of this subtitle, the Secretary
25 shall assign the employing unit [a contribution rate that is the earned rate of the
26 employing unit or] the standard rate of contribution[, whichever is greater].

27 8-612.

28 (a) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, on the basis of the earned
29 rating record of an employing unit that qualifies for an earned rate of contribution
30 under § 8-610 of this subtitle, the Secretary shall[:

31 (i)] compute to the 4th decimal place a benefit ratio for the
32 employing unit in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of this section[; and

1 (ii) subject to the Schedule of Basic Rate Adjustments in subsection
 2 (e) of this section, assign the basic contribution rate that corresponds to the employing
 3 unit's benefit ratio in the Table of Basic Rates in subsection (d) of this section].

4 (2) The Secretary may not assign an earned rate of contribution that is
 5 less than [0.1%] 0.3% or more than [9.5%] 13.5%.

6 (b) For an employing unit that qualifies under § 8-610(a)(2) of this subtitle,
 7 the Secretary shall compute a benefit ratio by:

8 (1) adding the regular, work sharing, and extended benefits that were
 9 chargeable to the earned rating record of the employing unit and paid during the 3
 10 rating years immediately preceding the computation date; and

11 (2) dividing the figure determined under item (1) of this subsection by
 12 the total of the reported taxable wages for the same period.

13 (c) For an employing unit that qualifies under § 8-610(a)(3) of this subtitle,
 14 the Secretary shall compute a benefit ratio for the employing unit by:

15 (1) adding the regular, work sharing, and extended benefits that were
 16 chargeable to the earned rating record of the employing unit and paid during the
 17 period beginning with the 1st day of the calendar quarter in which the employing unit
 18 first became subject to this title and ending on the June 30 immediately preceding the
 19 computation date; and

20 (2) dividing the figure obtained under item (1) of this subsection by the
 21 total of the reported taxable wages for the same period.

22 [(d) For any calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 1992, when the
 23 Unemployment Insurance Fund balance on September 30 of the immediately
 24 preceding calendar year equals or exceeds 4.7% but is not in excess of 5.5% of the total
 25 taxable wages in covered employment for the 4 completed calendar quarters
 26 immediately preceding September 30, the Table of Basic Rates shall apply.

27 Table Of Basic Rates

28 Employing			Employing
29 Unit's Benefit			Unit's Basic
30 Ratio			Rate
31 (1)	.0000 --	.....	0.3%
32 (2)	.0001 -- .0009	.....	0.4%
33 (3)	.0010 -- .0018	.....	0.5%
34 (4)	.0019 -- .0027	.....	0.6%
35 (5)	.0028 -- .0036	.....	0.7%
36 (6)	.0037 -- .0045	.....	0.8%
37 (7)	.0046 -- .0054	.....	0.9%
38 (8)	.0055 -- .0063	.....	1.0%

1 (9)	.0064 -- .0072	.....	1.1%
2 (10)	.0073 -- .0081	.....	1.2%
3 (11)	.0082 -- .0090	.....	1.3%
4 (12)	.0091 -- .0099	.....	1.4%
5 (13)	.0100 -- .0108	.....	1.5%
6 (14)	.0109 -- .0117	.....	1.6%
7 (15)	.0118 -- .0126	.....	1.7%
8 (16)	.0127 -- .0135	.....	1.8%
9 (17)	.0136 -- .0144	.....	1.9%
10 (18)	.0145 -- .0153	.....	2.0%
11 (19)	.0154 -- .0162	.....	2.1%
12 (20)	.0163 -- .0171	.....	2.2%
13 (21)	.0172 -- .0180	.....	2.3%
14 (22)	.0181 -- .0189	.....	2.4%
15 (23)	.0190 -- .0198	.....	2.5%
16 (24)	.0199 -- .0207	.....	2.6%
17 (25)	.0208 -- .0216	.....	2.7%
18 (26)	.0217 -- .0225	.....	2.8%
19 (27)	.0226 -- .0234	.....	2.9%
20 (28)	.0235 -- .0243	.....	3.0%
21 (29)	.0244 -- .0252	.....	3.1%
22 (30)	.0253 -- .0261	.....	3.2%
23 (31)	.0262 -- .0270	.....	3.3%
24 (32)	.0271 -- .0279	.....	3.4%
25 (33)	.0280 -- .0288	.....	3.5%
26 (34)	.0289 -- .0297	.....	3.6%
27 (35)	.0298 -- .0306	.....	3.7%
28 (36)	.0307 -- .0315	.....	3.8%
29 (37)	.0316 -- .0324	.....	3.9%
30 (38)	.0325 -- .0333	.....	4.0%
31 (39)	.0334 -- .0342	.....	4.1%
32 (40)	.0343 -- .0351	.....	4.2%
33 (41)	.0352 -- .0360	.....	4.3%
34 (42)	.0361 -- .0369	.....	4.4%
35 (43)	.0370 -- .0378	.....	4.5%
36 (44)	.0379 -- .0387	.....	4.6%
37 (45)	.0388 -- .0396	.....	4.7%
38 (46)	.0397 -- .0405	.....	4.8%
39 (47)	.0406 -- .0414	.....	4.9%
40 (48)	.0415 -- .0423	.....	5.0%
41 (49)	.0424 -- .0432	.....	5.1%
42 (50)	.0433 -- .0441	.....	5.2%
43 (51)	.0442 -- .0450	.....	5.3%
44 (52)	.0451 -- .0459	.....	5.4%
45 (53)	.0460 -- .0468	.....	5.5%
46 (54)	.0469 -- .0477	.....	5.6%
47 (55)	.0478 -- .0486	.....	5.7%
48 (56)	.0487 -- .0495	.....	5.8%

1 (57)	.0496 -- .0504	.....	5.9%
2 (58)	.0505 -- .0513	.....	6.0%
3 (59)	.0514 -- .0522	.....	6.1%
4 (60)	.0523 -- .0531	.....	6.2%
5 (61)	.0532 -- .0540	.....	6.3%
6 (62)	.0541 -- .0549	.....	6.4%
7 (63)	.0550 -- .0558	.....	6.5%
8 (64)	.0559 -- .0567	.....	6.6%
9 (65)	.0568 -- .0576	.....	6.7%
10 (66)	.0577 -- .0585	.....	6.8%
11 (67)	.0586 -- .0594	.....	6.9%
12 (68)	.0595 -- .0603	.....	7.0%
13 (69)	.0604 -- .0612	.....	7.1%
14 (70)	.0613 -- .0621	.....	7.2%
15 (71)	.0622 -- .0630	.....	7.3%
16 (72)	.0631 -- .0639	.....	7.4%
17 (73)	.0640 -- .0648	.....	7.5%
18 (74)	.0649 -- .0657	.....	7.5%
19 (75)	.0658 -- and over	.....	7.5%]

20 [(e) For any calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 1992, when the
 21 Unemployment Insurance Fund balance on September 30 of the immediately
 22 preceding calendar year is less than 4.7% or equals or is in excess of 5.5% of the total
 23 taxable wages in covered employment for the 4 completed calendar quarters
 24 immediately preceding September 30, the rates at which employers shall be required
 25 to pay contributions shall be determined by using the Table of Basic Rates under
 26 subsection (d) of this section adjusted as shown in the Schedule of Basic Rate
 27 Adjustments set forth below.

28 SCHEDULE OF BASIC RATE ADJUSTMENTS

29 When Ratio Between Fund Balance	Employing Unit's
30 on September 30 and Total	Contribution
31 Taxable Wages for Prior Year Is:	Basic Rate Shall:
32 (1) up to 2.8%	Increase by 2.0%
33 (2) 2.8% but less than 2.9%	Increase by 1.9%
34 (3) 2.9% but less than 3.0%	Increase by 1.8%
35 (4) 3.0% but less than 3.1%	Increase by 1.7%
36 (5) 3.1% but less than 3.2%	Increase by 1.6%
37 (6) 3.2% but less than 3.3%	Increase by 1.5%
38 (7) 3.3% but less than 3.4%	Increase by 1.4%
39 (8) 3.4% but less than 3.5%	Increase by 1.3%
40 (9) 3.5% but less than 3.6%	Increase by 1.2%
41 (10) 3.6% but less than 3.7%	Increase by 1.1%
42 (11) 3.7% but less than 3.8%	Increase by 1.0%

1 (12)	3.8% but less than 3.9%	Increase by 0.9%
2 (13)	3.9% but less than 4.0%	Increase by 0.8%
3 (14)	4.0% but less than 4.1%	Increase by 0.7%
4 (15)	4.1% but less than 4.2%	Increase by 0.6%
5 (16)	4.2% but less than 4.3%	Increase by 0.5%
6 (17)	4.3% but less than 4.4%	Increase by 0.4%
7 (18)	4.4% but less than 4.5%	Increase by 0.3%
8 (19)	4.5% but less than 4.6%	Increase by 0.2%
9 (20)	4.6% but less than 4.7%	Increase by 0.1%
10 (21)	5.5% but less than 5.6%	Decrease by 0.1%
11 (22)	5.6% but less than 5.7%	Decrease by 0.2%
12 (23)	5.7% but less than 5.8%	Decrease by 0.3%
13 (24)	5.8% but less than 5.9%	Decrease by 0.4%
14 (25)	5.9% but less than 6.0%	Decrease by 0.5%
15 (26)	6.0% but less than 6.1%	Decrease by 0.6%
16 (27)	6.1% but less than 6.2%	Decrease by 0.7%
17 (28)	6.2% but less than 6.3%	Decrease by 0.8%
18 (29)	6.3% but less than 6.4%	Decrease by 0.9%
19 (30)	6.4% but less than 6.5%	Decrease by 1.0%
20 (31)	6.5% but less than 6.6%	Decrease by 1.1%
21 (32)	6.6% but less than 6.7%	Decrease by 1.2%
22 (33)	6.7% but less than 6.8%	Decrease by 1.3%
23 (34)	6.8% but less than 6.9%	Decrease by 1.4%
24 (35)	6.9% but less than 7.0%	Decrease by 1.5%
25 (36)	7.0% but less than 7.1%	Decrease by 1.6%
26 (37)	7.1% but less than 7.2%	Decrease by 1.7%
27 (38)	7.2% but less than 7.3%	Decrease by 1.8%
28 (39)	7.3% but less than 7.4%	Decrease by 1.9%
29 (40)	7.4% and over	Decrease by 2.0%]

30 (D) (1) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,
 31 2006, WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF
 32 THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR EXCEEDS 5% OF THE TOTAL
 33 TAXABLE WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 4 COMPLETED CALENDAR
 34 QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 30, THE TABLE OF BASIC RATES
 35 IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

36 TABLE OF BASIC RATES - TABLE A

37 EMPLOYING		EMPLOYING
38 UNIT'S BENEFIT		UNIT'S BASIC
39 RATIO		RATE
40 (1)	.0000 --	0.30%
41 (2)	.0001 -- .0027	0.60%
42 (3)	.0028 -- .0054	0.90%
43 (4)	.0055 -- .0081	1.20%

1 (5)	.0082 -- .0108	.....	1.50%
2 (6)	.0109 -- .0135	.....	1.80%
3 (7)	.0136 -- .0162	.....	2.10%
4 (8)	.0163 -- .0189	.....	2.40%
5 (9)	.0190 -- .0216	.....	2.70%
6 (10)	.0217 -- .0243	.....	3.00%
7 (11)	.0244 -- .0270	.....	3.30%
8 (12)	.0271 -- .0297	.....	3.60%
9 (13)	.0298 -- .0324	.....	3.90%
10 (14)	.0325 -- .0351	.....	4.20%
11 (15)	.0352 -- .0378	.....	4.50%
12 (16)	.0379 -- .0405	.....	4.80%
13 (17)	.0406 -- .0432	.....	5.10%
14 (18)	.0433 -- .0459	.....	5.40%
15 (19)	.0460 -- .0486	.....	5.70%
16 (20)	.0487 -- .0513	.....	6.00%
17 (21)	.0514 -- .0540	.....	6.30%
18 (22)	.0541 -- .0567	.....	6.60%
19 (23)	.0568 -- .0594	.....	6.90%
20 (24)	.0595 -- .0621	.....	7.20%
21 (25)	.0622 -- AND OVER	.....	7.50%

22 (2) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006,
 23 WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE
 24 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR EXCEEDS 4.5%, BUT IS NOT IN EXCESS
 25 OF 5% OF THE TOTAL TAXABLE WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 4
 26 COMPLETED CALENDAR QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 30, THE
 27 TABLE OF BASIC RATES IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

28 TABLE OF BASIC RATES - TABLE B

29 EMPLOYING			EMPLOYING
30 UNIT'S BENEFIT			UNIT'S BASIC
31 RATIO			RATE
32 (1)	.0000 --	.....	0.60%
33 (2)	.0001 -- .0027	.....	0.90%
34 (3)	.0028 -- .0054	.....	1.20%
35 (4)	.0055 -- .0081	.....	1.50%
36 (5)	.0082 -- .0108	.....	1.80%
37 (6)	.0109 -- .0135	.....	2.10%
38 (7)	.0136 -- .0162	.....	2.40%
39 (8)	.0163 -- .0189	.....	2.70%
40 (9)	.0190 -- .0216	.....	3.00%
41 (10)	.0217 -- .0243	.....	3.30%
42 (11)	.0244 -- .0270	.....	3.60%
43 (12)	.0271 -- .0297	.....	3.90%

1 (13)	.0298 -- .0324	.....	4.20%
2 (14)	.0325 -- .0351	.....	4.50%
3 (15)	.0352 -- .0378	.....	4.80%
4 (16)	.0379 -- .0405	.....	5.10%
5 (17)	.0406 -- .0432	.....	5.40%
6 (18)	.0433 -- .0459	.....	5.70%
7 (19)	.0460 -- .0486	.....	6.00%
8 (20)	.0487 -- .0513	.....	6.30%
9 (21)	.0514 -- .0540	.....	6.60%
10 (22)	.0541 -- .0567	.....	6.90%
11 (23)	.0568 -- .0594	.....	7.20%
12 (24)	.0595 -- .0621	.....	7.50%
13 (25)	.0622 -- .0648	.....	7.80%
14 (26)	.0649 -- .0675	.....	8.10%
15 (27)	.0676 -- .0702	.....	8.40%
16 (28)	.0703 -- .0729	.....	8.70%
17 (29)	.0730 -- AND OVER	.....	9.00%

18 (3) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006,
 19 WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE
 20 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR EXCEEDS 4%, BUT IS NOT IN EXCESS OF
 21 4.5% OF THE TOTAL TAXABLE WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 4
 22 COMPLETED CALENDAR QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 30, THE
 23 TABLE OF BASIC RATES IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

24 TABLE OF ~~BASIC~~ RATES - TABLE C

25 EMPLOYING			EMPLOYING
26 UNIT'S BENEFIT			UNIT'S BASIC
27 RATIO			RATE
28 (1)	.0000 --	.....	1.00%
29 (2)	.0001 -- .0027	.....	1.50%
30 (3)	.0028 -- .0054	.....	1.80%
31 (4)	.0055 -- .0081	.....	2.10%
32 (5)	.0082 -- .0108	.....	2.40%
33 (6)	.0109 -- .0135	.....	2.70%
34 (7)	.0136 -- .0162	.....	3.00%
35 (8)	.0163 -- .0189	.....	3.30%
36 (9)	.0190 -- .0216	.....	3.60%
37 (10)	.0217 -- .0243	.....	3.90%
38 (11)	.0244 -- .0270	.....	4.20%
39 (12)	.0271 -- .0297	.....	4.50%
40 (13)	.0298 -- .0324	.....	4.80%
41 (14)	.0325 -- .0351	.....	5.10%
42 (15)	.0352 -- .0378	.....	5.40%
43 (16)	.0379 -- .0405	.....	5.70%

1 (17)	.0406 -- .0432	.....	6.00%
2 (18)	.0433 -- .0459	.....	6.30%
3 (19)	.0460 -- .0486	.....	6.60%
4 (20)	.0487 -- .0513	.....	6.90%
5 (21)	.0514 -- .0540	.....	7.20%
6 (22)	.0541 -- .0567	.....	7.50%
7 (23)	.0568 -- .0594	.....	7.80%
8 (24)	.0595 -- .0621	.....	8.10%
9 (25)	.0622 -- .0648	.....	8.40%
10 (26)	.0649 -- .0675	.....	8.70%
11 (27)	.0676 -- .0702	.....	9.00%
12 (28)	.0703 -- .0729	.....	9.30%
13 (29)	.0730 -- .0756	.....	9.60%
14 (30)	.0757 -- .0783	.....	9.90%
15 (31)	.0784 -- .0810	.....	10.20%
16 (32)	.0811 -- AND OVER	.....	10.50%

17 (4) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006,
 18 WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE
 19 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR EXCEEDS 3.5%, BUT IS NOT IN EXCESS
 20 OF 4% OF THE TOTAL TAXABLE WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 4
 21 COMPLETED CALENDAR QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 30, THE
 22 TABLE OF BASIC RATES IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

23 TABLE OF ~~BASIC~~ RATES - TABLE D

24 EMPLOYING			EMPLOYING
25 UNIT'S BENEFIT			UNIT'S BASIC
26 RATIO			RATE
27 (1)	.0000 --	.....	1.40%
28 (2)	.0001 -- .0027	.....	2.10%
29 (3)	.0028 -- .0054	.....	2.40%
30 (4)	.0055 -- .0081	.....	2.70%
31 (5)	.0082 -- .0108	.....	3.00%
32 (6)	.0109 -- .0135	.....	3.30%
33 (7)	.0136 -- .0162	.....	3.60%
34 (8)	.0163 -- .0189	.....	3.90%
35 (9)	.0190 -- .0216	.....	4.20%
36 (10)	.0217 -- .0243	.....	4.50%
37 (11)	.0244 -- .0270	.....	4.80%
38 (12)	.0271 -- .0297	.....	5.10%
39 (13)	.0298 -- .0324	.....	5.40%
40 (14)	.0325 -- .0351	.....	5.70%
41 (15)	.0352 -- .0378	.....	6.00%
42 (16)	.0379 -- .0405	.....	6.30%
43 (17)	.0406 -- .0432	.....	6.60%

1 (18)	.0433 -- .0459	.....	6.90%
2 (19)	.0460 -- .0486	.....	7.20%
3 (20)	.0487 -- .0513	.....	7.50%
4 (21)	.0514 -- .0540	.....	7.80%
5 (22)	.0541 -- .0567	.....	8.10%
6 (23)	.0568 -- .0594	.....	8.40%
7 (24)	.0595 -- .0621	.....	8.70%
8 (25)	.0622 -- .0648	.....	9.00%
9 (26)	.0649 -- .0675	.....	9.30%
10 (27)	.0676 -- .0702	.....	9.60%
11 (28)	.0703 -- .0729	.....	9.90%
12 (29)	.0730 -- .0756	.....	10.20%
13 (30)	.0757 -- .0783	.....	10.50%
14 (31)	.0784 -- .0810	.....	10.80%
15 (32)	.0811 -- .0837	.....	11.10%
16 (33)	.0838 -- .0864	.....	11.40%
17 (34)	.0865 -- .0891	.....	11.70%
18 (35)	.0892 -- AND OVER	.....	11.80%

19 (5) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006,
 20 WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE
 21 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR EXCEEDS 3%, BUT IS NOT IN EXCESS OF
 22 3.5% OF THE TOTAL TAXABLE WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 4
 23 COMPLETED CALENDAR QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 30, THE
 24 TABLE OF BASIC RATES IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

25 TABLE OF ~~BASIC~~ RATES - TABLE E

26 EMPLOYING			EMPLOYING
27 UNIT'S BENEFIT			UNIT'S BASIC
28 RATIO			RATE
29 (1)	.0000 --	.....	1.80%
30 (2)	.0001 -- .0027	.....	2.60%
31 (3)	.0028 -- .0054	.....	2.90%
32 (4)	.0055 -- .0081	.....	3.20%
33 (5)	.0082 -- .0108	.....	3.50%
34 (6)	.0109 -- .0135	.....	3.80%
35 (7)	.0136 -- .0162	.....	4.10%
36 (8)	.0163 -- .0189	.....	4.40%
37 (9)	.0190 -- .0216	.....	4.70%
38 (10)	.0217 -- .0243	.....	5.00%
39 (11)	.0244 -- .0270	.....	5.30%
40 (12)	.0271 -- .0297	.....	5.60%
41 (13)	.0298 -- .0324	.....	5.90%
42 (14)	.0325 -- .0351	.....	6.20%
43 (15)	.0352 -- .0378	.....	6.50%

1 (16)	.0379 -- .0405	.....	6.80%
2 (17)	.0406 -- .0432	.....	7.10%
3 (18)	.0433 -- .0459	.....	7.40%
4 (19)	.0460 -- .0486	.....	7.70%
5 (20)	.0487 -- .0513	.....	8.00%
6 (21)	.0514 -- .0540	.....	8.30%
7 (22)	.0541 -- .0567	.....	8.60%
8 (23)	.0568 -- .0594	.....	8.90%
9 (24)	.0595 -- .0621	.....	9.20%
10 (25)	.0622 -- .0648	.....	9.50%
11 (26)	.0649 -- .0675	.....	9.80%
12 (27)	.0676 -- .0702	.....	10.10%
13 (28)	.0703 -- .0729	.....	10.40%
14 (29)	.0730 -- .0756	.....	10.70%
15 (30)	.0757 -- .0783	.....	11.00%
16 (31)	.0784 -- .0810	.....	11.30%
17 (32)	.0811 -- .0837	.....	11.60%
18 (33)	.0838 -- .0864	.....	11.90%
19 (34)	.0865 -- .0891	.....	12.20%
20 (35)	.0892 -- .0918	.....	12.50%
21 (36)	.0919 -- .0945	.....	12.80%
22 (37)	.0946 -- AND OVER	.....	12.90%

23 (6) FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006,
 24 WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND BALANCE ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE
 25 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR IS NOT IN EXCESS OF 3% OF THE TOTAL
 26 TAXABLE WAGES IN COVERED EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 4 COMPLETED CALENDAR
 27 QUARTERS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SEPTEMBER 30, THE TABLE OF BASIC RATES
 28 IN THIS PARAGRAPH OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY.

29 TABLE OF BASIC RATES - TABLE F

30 EMPLOYING			EMPLOYING
31 UNIT'S BENEFIT			UNIT'S BASIC
32 RATIO			RATE
33 (1)	.0000 --	.....	2.20%
34 (2)	.0001 -- .0027	.....	3.10%
35 (3)	.0028 -- .0054	.....	3.40%
36 (4)	.0055 -- .0081	.....	3.70%
37 (5)	.0082 -- .0108	.....	4.00%
38 (6)	.0109 -- .0135	.....	4.30%
39 (7)	.0136 -- .0162	.....	4.60%
40 (8)	.0163 -- .0189	.....	4.90%
41 (9)	.0190 -- .0216	.....	5.20%
42 (10)	.0217 -- .0243	.....	5.50%
43 (11)	.0244 -- .0270	.....	5.80%

1 (12)	.0271 -- .0297	.....	6.10%
2 (13)	.0298 -- .0324	.....	6.40%
3 (14)	.0325 -- .0351	.....	6.70%
4 (15)	.0352 -- .0378	.....	7.00%
5 (16)	.0379 -- .0405	.....	7.30%
6 (17)	.0406 -- .0432	.....	7.60%
7 (18)	.0433 -- .0459	.....	7.90%
8 (19)	.0460 -- .0486	.....	8.20%
9 (20)	.0487 -- .0513	.....	8.50%
10 (21)	.0514 -- .0540	.....	8.80%
11 (22)	.0541 -- .0567	.....	9.10%
12 (23)	.0568 -- .0594	.....	9.40%
13 (24)	.0595 -- .0621	.....	9.70%
14 (25)	.0622 -- .0648	.....	10.00%
15 (26)	.0649 -- .0675	.....	10.30%
16 (27)	.0676 -- .0702	.....	10.60%
17 (28)	.0703 -- .0729	.....	10.90%
18 (29)	.0730 -- .0756	.....	11.20%
19 (30)	.0757 -- .0783	.....	11.50%
20 (31)	.0784 -- .0810	.....	11.80%
21 (32)	.0811 -- .0837	.....	12.10%
22 (33)	.0838 -- .0864	.....	12.40%
23 (34)	.0865 -- .0891	.....	12.70%
24 (35)	.0892 -- .0918	.....	13.00%
25 (36)	.0919 -- .0945	.....	13.30%
26 (37)	.0946 -- AND OVER	.....	13.50%

27 [(f)] (E) For the purpose of making any computation under this section:

28 (1) money that has been credited to the account of the State in the
 29 Unemployment Trust Fund under § 903 of the Social Security Act and that has been
 30 appropriated for expenses of administration, whether or not withdrawn from the
 31 account, shall be excluded from the total amount available for benefits in the
 32 Unemployment Insurance Fund; and

33 (2) the total amount available for benefits in the Unemployment
 34 Insurance Fund includes:

35 (i) money receivable by the Unemployment Insurance Fund as
 36 federal reimbursement for shareable benefits under the Federal-State Extended
 37 Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

38 (ii) all advance payments made to the Unemployment Insurance
 39 Fund on behalf of eligible employing units who elect to make reimbursement
 40 payments; and

41 (iii) money receivable by the Unemployment Insurance Fund from
 42 an eligible employing unit who elects to make reimbursement payments.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - Labor and Employment**

4 8-803.

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

10 (2) The claimant shall be assigned:

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

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

17 (b)

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

19		Weekly	Minimum
20		Benefit	Qualifying
21	Line	Amount	Wages
22	High Quarter Wages (A)	(B)	(C)
23	(1) \$ 576.01 to \$ 600.00	25.00	900.00
24	(2) \$ 600.01 to \$ 624.00	26.00	936.00
25	(3) \$ 624.01 to \$ 648.00	27.00	972.00
26	(4) \$ 648.01 to \$ 672.00	28.00	1,008.00
27	(5) \$ 672.01 to \$ 696.00	29.00	1,044.00
28	(6) \$ 696.01 to \$ 720.00	30.00	1,080.00
29	(7) \$ 720.01 to \$ 744.00	31.00	1,116.00
30	(8) \$ 744.01 to \$ 768.00	32.00	1,152.00
31	(9) \$ 768.01 to \$ 792.00	33.00	1,188.00
32	(10) \$ 792.01 to \$ 816.00	34.00	1,224.00
33	(11) \$ 816.01 to \$ 840.00	35.00	1,260.00
34	(12) \$ 840.01 to \$ 864.00	36.00	1,296.00
35	(13) \$ 864.01 to \$ 888.00	37.00	1,332.00
36	(14) \$ 888.01 to \$ 912.00	38.00	1,368.00
37	(15) \$ 912.01 to \$ 936.00	39.00	1,404.00
38	(16) \$ 936.01 to \$ 960.00	40.00	1,440.00
39	(17) \$ 960.01 to \$ 984.00	41.00	1,476.00
40	(18) \$ 984.01 to \$1,008.00	42.00	1,512.00

1 (19)	\$1,008.01 to \$1,032.00	43.00	1,548.00
2 (20)	\$1,032.01 to \$1,056.00	44.00	1,584.00
3 (21)	\$1,056.01 to \$1,080.00	45.00	1,620.00
4 (22)	\$1,080.01 to \$1,104.00	46.00	1,656.00
5 (23)	\$1,104.01 to \$1,128.00	47.00	1,692.00
6 (24)	\$1,128.01 to \$1,152.00	48.00	1,728.00
7 (25)	\$1,152.01 to \$1,176.00	49.00	1,764.00
8 (26)	\$1,176.01 to \$1,200.00	50.00	1,800.00
9 (27)	\$1,200.01 to \$1,224.00	51.00	1,836.00
10 (28)	\$1,224.01 to \$1,248.00	52.00	1,872.00
11 (29)	\$1,248.01 to \$1,272.00	53.00	1,908.00
12 (30)	\$1,272.01 to \$1,296.00	54.00	1,944.00
13 (31)	\$1,296.01 to \$1,320.00	55.00	1,980.00
14 (32)	\$1,320.01 to \$1,344.00	56.00	2,016.00
15 (33)	\$1,344.01 to \$1,368.00	57.00	2,052.00
16 (34)	\$1,368.01 to \$1,392.00	58.00	2,088.00
17 (35)	\$1,392.01 to \$1,416.00	59.00	2,124.00
18 (36)	\$1,416.01 to \$1,440.00	60.00	2,160.00
19 (37)	\$1,440.01 to \$1,464.00	61.00	2,196.00
20 (38)	\$1,464.01 to \$1,488.00	62.00	2,232.00
21 (39)	\$1,488.01 to \$1,512.00	63.00	2,268.00
22 (40)	\$1,512.01 to \$1,536.00	64.00	2,304.00
23 (41)	\$1,536.01 to \$1,560.00	65.00	2,340.00
24 (42)	\$1,560.01 to \$1,584.00	66.00	2,376.00
25 (43)	\$1,584.01 to \$1,608.00	67.00	2,412.00
26 (44)	\$1,608.01 to \$1,632.00	68.00	2,448.00
27 (45)	\$1,632.01 to \$1,656.00	69.00	2,484.00
28 (46)	\$1,656.01 to \$1,680.00	70.00	2,520.00
29 (47)	\$1,680.01 to \$1,704.00	71.00	2,556.00
30 (48)	\$1,704.01 to \$1,728.00	72.00	2,592.00
31 (49)	\$1,728.01 to \$1,752.00	73.00	2,628.00
32 (50)	\$1,752.01 to \$1,776.00	74.00	2,664.00
33 (51)	\$1,776.01 to \$1,800.00	75.00	2,700.00
34 (52)	\$1,800.01 to \$1,824.00	76.00	2,736.00
35 (53)	\$1,824.01 to \$1,848.00	77.00	2,772.00
36 (54)	\$1,848.01 to \$1,872.00	78.00	2,808.00
37 (55)	\$1,872.01 to \$1,896.00	79.00	2,844.00
38 (56)	\$1,896.01 to \$1,920.00	80.00	2,880.00
39 (57)	\$1,920.01 to \$1,944.00	81.00	2,916.00
40 (58)	\$1,944.01 to \$1,968.00	82.00	2,952.00
41 (59)	\$1,968.01 to \$1,992.00	83.00	2,988.00
42 (60)	\$1,992.01 to \$2,016.00	84.00	3,024.00
43 (61)	\$2,016.01 to \$2,040.00	85.00	3,060.00
44 (62)	\$2,040.01 to \$2,064.00	86.00	3,096.00
45 (63)	\$2,064.01 to \$2,088.00	87.00	3,132.00
46 (64)	\$2,088.01 to \$2,112.00	88.00	3,168.00
47 (65)	\$2,112.01 to \$2,136.00	89.00	3,204.00
48 (66)	\$2,136.01 to \$2,160.00	90.00	3,240.00

1 (67)	\$2,160.01 to \$2,184.00	91.00	3,276.00
2 (68)	\$2,184.01 to \$2,208.00	92.00	3,312.00
3 (69)	\$2,208.01 to \$2,232.00	93.00	3,348.00
4 (70)	\$2,232.01 to \$2,256.00	94.00	3,384.00
5 (71)	\$2,256.01 to \$2,280.00	95.00	3,420.00
6 (72)	\$2,280.01 to \$2,304.00	96.00	3,456.00
7 (73)	\$2,304.01 to \$2,328.00	97.00	3,492.00
8 (74)	\$2,328.01 to \$2,352.00	98.00	3,528.00
9 (75)	\$2,352.01 to \$2,376.00	99.00	3,564.00
10 (76)	\$2,376.01 to \$2,400.00	100.00	3,600.00
11 (77)	\$2,400.01 to \$2,424.00	101.00	3,636.00
12 (78)	\$2,424.01 to \$2,448.00	102.00	3,672.00
13 (79)	\$2,448.01 to \$2,472.00	103.00	3,708.00
14 (80)	\$2,472.01 to \$2,496.00	104.00	3,744.00
15 (81)	\$2,496.01 to \$2,520.00	105.00	3,780.00
16 (82)	\$2,520.01 to \$2,544.00	106.00	3,816.00
17 (83)	\$2,544.01 to \$2,568.00	107.00	3,852.00
18 (84)	\$2,568.01 to \$2,592.00	108.00	3,888.00
19 (85)	\$2,592.01 to \$2,616.00	109.00	3,924.00
20 (86)	\$2,616.01 to \$2,640.00	110.00	3,960.00
21 (87)	\$2,640.01 to \$2,664.00	111.00	3,996.00
22 (88)	\$2,664.01 to \$2,688.00	112.00	4,032.00
23 (89)	\$2,688.01 to \$2,712.00	113.00	4,068.00
24 (90)	\$2,712.01 to \$2,736.00	114.00	4,104.00
25 (91)	\$2,736.01 to \$2,760.00	115.00	4,140.00
26 (92)	\$2,760.01 to \$2,784.00	116.00	4,176.00
27 (93)	\$2,784.01 to \$2,808.00	117.00	4,212.00
28 (94)	\$2,808.01 to \$2,832.00	118.00	4,248.00
29 (95)	\$2,832.01 to \$2,856.00	119.00	4,284.00
30 (96)	\$2,856.01 to \$2,880.00	120.00	4,320.00
31 (97)	\$2,880.01 to \$2,904.00	121.00	4,356.00
32 (98)	\$2,904.01 to \$2,928.00	122.00	4,392.00
33 (99)	\$2,928.01 to \$2,952.00	123.00	4,428.00
34 (100)	\$2,952.01 to \$2,976.00	124.00	4,464.00
35 (101)	\$2,976.01 to \$3,000.00	125.00	4,500.00
36 (102)	\$3,000.01 to \$3,024.00	126.00	4,536.00
37 (103)	\$3,024.01 to \$3,048.00	127.00	4,572.00
38 (104)	\$3,048.01 to \$3,072.00	128.00	4,608.00
39 (105)	\$3,072.01 to \$3,096.00	129.00	4,644.00
40 (106)	\$3,096.01 to \$3,120.00	130.00	4,680.00
41 (107)	\$3,120.01 to \$3,144.00	131.00	4,716.00
42 (108)	\$3,144.01 to \$3,168.00	132.00	4,752.00
43 (109)	\$3,168.01 to \$3,192.00	133.00	4,788.00
44 (110)	\$3,192.01 to \$3,216.00	134.00	4,824.00
45 (111)	\$3,216.01 to \$3,240.00	135.00	4,860.00
46 (112)	\$3,240.01 to \$3,264.00	136.00	4,896.00
47 (113)	\$3,264.01 to \$3,288.00	137.00	4,932.00
48 (114)	\$3,288.01 to \$3,312.00	138.00	4,968.00

1 (115)	\$3,312.01 to \$3,336.00	139.00	5,004.00
2 (116)	\$3,336.01 to \$3,360.00	140.00	5,040.00
3 (117)	\$3,360.01 to \$3,384.00	141.00	5,076.00
4 (118)	\$3,384.01 to \$3,408.00	142.00	5,112.00
5 (119)	\$3,408.01 to \$3,432.00	143.00	5,148.00
6 (120)	\$3,432.01 to \$3,456.00	144.00	5,184.00
7 (121)	\$3,456.01 to \$3,480.00	145.00	5,220.00
8 (122)	\$3,480.01 to \$3,504.00	146.00	5,256.00
9 (123)	\$3,504.01 to \$3,528.00	147.00	5,292.00
10 (124)	\$3,528.01 to \$3,552.00	148.00	5,328.00
11 (125)	\$3,552.01 to \$3,576.00	149.00	5,364.00
12 (126)	\$3,576.01 to \$3,600.00	150.00	5,400.00
13 (127)	\$3,600.01 to \$3,624.00	151.00	5,436.00
14 (128)	\$3,624.01 to \$3,648.00	152.00	5,472.00
15 (129)	\$3,648.01 to \$3,672.00	153.00	5,508.00
16 (130)	\$3,672.01 to \$3,696.00	154.00	5,544.00
17 (131)	\$3,696.01 to \$3,720.00	155.00	5,580.00
18 (132)	\$3,720.01 to \$3,744.00	156.00	5,616.00
19 (133)	\$3,744.01 to \$3,768.00	157.00	5,652.00
20 (134)	\$3,768.01 to \$3,792.00	158.00	5,688.00
21 (135)	\$3,792.01 to \$3,816.00	159.00	5,724.00
22 (136)	\$3,816.01 to \$3,840.00	160.00	5,760.00
23 (137)	\$3,840.01 to \$3,864.00	161.00	5,796.00
24 (138)	\$3,864.01 to \$3,888.00	162.00	5,832.00
25 (139)	\$3,888.01 to \$3,912.00	163.00	5,868.00
26 (140)	\$3,912.01 to \$3,936.00	164.00	5,904.00
27 (141)	\$3,936.01 to \$3,960.00	165.00	5,940.00
28 (142)	\$3,960.01 to \$3,984.00	166.00	5,976.00
29 (143)	\$3,984.01 to \$4,008.00	167.00	6,012.00
30 (144)	\$4,008.01 to \$4,032.00	168.00	6,048.00
31 (145)	\$4,032.01 to \$4,056.00	169.00	6,084.00
32 (146)	\$4,056.01 to \$4,080.00	170.00	6,120.00
33 (147)	\$4,080.01 to \$4,104.00	171.00	6,156.00
34 (148)	\$4,104.01 to \$4,128.00	172.00	6,192.00
35 (149)	\$4,128.01 to \$4,152.00	173.00	6,228.00
36 (150)	\$4,152.01 to \$4,176.00	174.00	6,264.00
37 (151)	\$4,176.01 to \$4,200.00	175.00	6,300.00
38 (152)	\$4,200.01 to \$4,224.00	176.00	6,336.00
39 (153)	\$4,224.01 to \$4,248.00	177.00	6,372.00
40 (154)	\$4,248.01 to \$4,272.00	178.00	6,408.00
41 (155)	\$4,272.01 to \$4,296.00	179.00	6,444.00
42 (156)	\$4,296.01 to \$4,320.00	180.00	6,480.00
43 (157)	\$4,320.01 to \$4,344.00	181.00	6,516.00
44 (158)	\$4,344.01 to \$4,368.00	182.00	6,552.00
45 (159)	\$4,368.01 to \$4,392.00	183.00	6,588.00
46 (160)	\$4,392.01 to \$4,416.00	184.00	6,624.00
47 (161)	\$4,416.01 to \$4,440.00	185.00	6,660.00
48 (162)	\$4,440.01 to \$4,464.00	186.00	6,696.00

1 (163)	\$4,464.01 to \$4,488.00	187.00	6,732.00
2 (164)	\$4,488.01 to \$4,512.00	188.00	6,768.00
3 (165)	\$4,512.01 to \$4,536.00	189.00	6,804.00
4 (166)	\$4,536.01 to \$4,560.00	190.00	6,840.00
5 (167)	\$4,560.01 to \$4,584.00	191.00	6,876.00
6 (168)	\$4,584.01 to \$4,608.00	192.00	6,912.00
7 (169)	\$4,608.01 to \$4,632.00	193.00	6,948.00
8 (170)	\$4,632.01 to \$4,656.00	194.00	6,984.00
9 (171)	\$4,656.01 to \$4,680.00	195.00	7,020.00
10 (172)	\$4,680.01 to \$4,704.00	196.00	7,056.00
11 (173)	\$4,704.01 to \$4,728.00	197.00	7,092.00
12 (174)	\$4,728.01 to \$4,752.00	198.00	7,128.00
13 (175)	\$4,752.01 to \$4,776.00	199.00	7,164.00
14 (176)	\$4,776.01 to \$4,800.00	200.00	7,200.00
15 (177)	\$4,800.01 to \$4,824.00	201.00	7,236.00
16 (178)	\$4,824.01 to \$4,848.00	202.00	7,272.00
17 (179)	\$4,848.01 to \$4,872.00	203.00	7,308.00
18 (180)	\$4,872.01 to \$4,896.00	204.00	7,344.00
19 (181)	\$4,896.01 to \$4,920.00	205.00	7,380.00
20 (182)	\$4,920.01 to \$4,944.00	206.00	7,416.00
21 (183)	\$4,944.01 to \$4,968.00	207.00	7,452.00
22 (184)	\$4,968.01 to \$4,992.00	208.00	7,488.00
23 (185)	\$4,992.01 to \$5,016.00	209.00	7,524.00
24 (186)	\$5,016.01 to \$5,040.00	210.00	7,560.00
25 (187)	\$5,040.01 to \$5,064.00	211.00	7,596.00
26 (188)	\$5,064.01 to \$5,088.00	212.00	7,632.00
27 (189)	\$5,088.01 to \$5,112.00	213.00	7,668.00
28 (190)	\$5,112.01 to \$5,136.00	214.00	7,704.00
29 (191)	\$5,136.01 to \$5,160.00	215.00	7,740.00
30 (192)	\$5,160.01 to \$5,184.00	216.00	7,776.00
31 (193)	\$5,184.01 to \$5,208.00	217.00	7,812.00
32 (194)	\$5,208.01 to \$5,232.00	218.00	7,848.00
33 (195)	\$5,232.01 to \$5,256.00	219.00	7,884.00
34 (196)	\$5,256.01 to \$5,280.00	220.00	7,920.00
35 (197)	\$5,280.01 to \$5,304.00	221.00	7,956.00
36 (198)	\$5,304.01 to \$5,328.00	222.00	7,992.00
37 (199)	\$5,328.01 to \$5,352.00	223.00	8,028.00
38 (200)	\$5,352.01 to \$5,376.00	224.00	8,064.00
39 (201)	\$5,376.01 to \$5,400.00	225.00	8,100.00
40 (202)	\$5,400.01 to \$5,424.00	226.00	8,136.00
41 (203)	\$5,424.01 to \$5,448.00	227.00	8,172.00
42 (204)	\$5,448.01 to \$5,472.00	228.00	8,208.00
43 (205)	\$5,472.01 to \$5,496.00	229.00	8,244.00
44 (206)	\$5,496.01 to \$5,520.00	230.00	8,280.00
45 (207)	\$5,520.01 to \$5,544.00	231.00	8,316.00
46 (208)	\$5,544.01 to \$5,568.00	232.00	8,352.00
47 (209)	\$5,568.01 to \$5,592.00	233.00	8,388.00
48 (210)	\$5,592.01 to \$5,616.00	234.00	8,424.00

1 (211)	\$5,616.01 to \$5,640.00	235.00	8,460.00
2 (212)	\$5,640.01 to \$5,664.00	236.00	8,496.00
3 (213)	\$5,664.01 to \$5,688.00	237.00	8,532.00
4 (214)	\$5,688.01 to \$5,712.00	238.00	8,568.00
5 (215)	\$5,712.01 to \$5,736.00	239.00	8,604.00
6 (216)	\$5,736.01 to \$5,760.00	240.00	8,640.00
7 (217)	\$5,760.01 to \$5,784.00	241.00	8,676.00
8 (218)	\$5,784.01 to \$5,808.00	242.00	8,712.00
9 (219)	\$5,808.01 to \$5,832.00	243.00	8,748.00
10 (220)	\$5,832.01 to \$5,856.00	244.00	8,784.00
11 (221)	\$5,856.01 to \$5,880.00	245.00	8,820.00
12 (222)	\$5,880.01 to \$5,904.00	246.00	8,856.00
13 (223)	\$5,904.01 to \$5,928.00	247.00	8,892.00
14 (224)	\$5,928.01 to \$5,952.00	248.00	8,928.00
15 (225)	\$5,952.01 to \$5,976.00	249.00	8,964.00
16 (226)	\$5,976.01 to \$6,000.00	250.00	9,000.00
17 (227)	\$6,000.01 to \$6,024.00	251.00	9,036.00
18 (228)	\$6,024.01 to \$6,048.00	252.00	9,072.00
19 (229)	\$6,048.01 to \$6,072.00	253.00	9,108.00
20 (230)	\$6,072.01 to \$6,096.00	254.00	9,144.00
21 (231)	\$6,096.01 to \$6,120.00	255.00	9,180.00
22 (232)	\$6,120.01 to \$6,144.00	256.00	9,216.00
23 (233)	\$6,144.01 to \$6,168.00	257.00	9,252.00
24 (234)	\$6,168.01 to \$6,192.00	258.00	9,288.00
25 (235)	\$6,192.01 to \$6,216.00	259.00	9,324.00
26 (236)	\$6,216.01 to \$6,240.00	260.00	9,360.00
27 (237)	\$6,240.01 to \$6,264.00	261.00	9,396.00
28 (238)	\$6,264.01 to \$6,288.00	262.00	9,432.00
29 (239)	\$6,288.01 to \$6,312.00	263.00	9,468.00
30 (240)	\$6,312.01 to \$6,336.00	264.00	9,504.00
31 (241)	\$6,336.01 to \$6,360.00	265.00	9,540.00
32 (242)	\$6,360.01 to \$6,384.00	266.00	9,576.00
33 (243)	\$6,384.01 to \$6,408.00	267.00	9,612.00
34 (244)	\$6,408.01 to \$6,432.00	268.00	9,648.00
35 (245)	\$6,432.01 to \$6,456.00	269.00	9,684.00
36 (246)	\$6,456.01 to \$6,480.00	270.00	9,720.00
37 (247)	\$6,480.01 to \$6,504.00	271.00	9,756.00
38 (248)	\$6,504.01 to \$6,528.00	272.00	9,792.00
39 (249)	\$6,528.01 to \$6,552.00	273.00	9,828.00
40 (250)	\$6,552.01 to \$6,576.00	274.00	9,864.00
41 (251)	\$6,576.01 to \$6,600.00	275.00	9,900.00
42 (252)	\$6,600.01 to \$6,624.00	276.00	9,936.00
43 (253)	\$6,624.01 to \$6,648.00	277.00	9,972.00
44 (254)	\$6,648.01 to \$6,672.00	278.00	10,008.00
45 (255)	\$6,672.01 to \$6,696.00	279.00	10,044.00
46 (256)	\$6,696.01 to \$6,720.00	280.00	10,080.00
47 (257)	\$6,720.01 to \$6,744.00	281.00	10,116.00
48 (258)	\$6,744.01 to \$6,768.00	282.00	10,152.00

1 (259)	\$6,768.01 to \$6,792.00	283.00	10,188.00
2 (260)	\$6,792.01 to \$6,816.00	284.00	10,224.00
3 (261)	\$6,816.01 to \$6,840.00	285.00	10,260.00
4 (262)	\$6,840.01 to \$6,864.00	286.00	10,296.00
5 (263)	\$6,864.01 to \$6,888.00	287.00	10,332.00
6 (264)	\$6,888.01 to \$6,912.00	288.00	10,368.00
7 (265)	\$6,912.01 to \$6,936.00	289.00	10,404.00
8 (266)	\$6,936.01 to \$6,960.00	290.00	10,440.00
9 (267)	\$6,960.01 to \$6,984.00	291.00	10,476.00
10 (268)	\$6,984.01 to \$7,008.00	292.00	10,512.00
11 (269)	\$7,008.01 to \$7,032.00	293.00	10,548.00
12 (270)	\$7,032.01 to \$7,056.00	294.00	10,584.00
13 (271)	\$7,056.01 to \$7,080.00	295.00	10,620.00
14 (272)	\$7,080.01 to \$7,104.00	296.00	10,656.00
15 (273)	\$7,104.01 to \$7,128.00	297.00	10,692.00
16 (274)	\$7,128.01 to \$7,152.00	298.00	10,728.00
17 (275)	\$7,152.01 to \$7,176.00	299.00	10,764.00
18 (276)	\$7,176.01 to \$7,200.00	300.00	10,800.00
19 (277)	\$7,200.01 to \$7,224.00	301.00	10,836.00
20 (278)	\$7,224.01 to \$7,248.00	302.00	10,872.00
21 (279)	\$7,248.01 to \$7,272.00	303.00	10,908.00
22 (280)	\$7,272.01 to \$7,296.00	304.00	10,944.00
23 (281)	\$7,296.01 to \$7,320.00	305.00	10,980.00
24 (282)	\$7,320.01 to \$7,344.00	306.00	11,016.00
25 (283)	\$7,344.01 to \$7,368.00	307.00	11,052.00
26 (284)	\$7,368.01 to \$7,392.00	308.00	11,088.00
27 (285)	\$7,392.01 to \$7,416.00	309.00	11,124.00
28 [(286)	\$7,416.01 and over	310.00	11,160.00]
29 (286)	\$7,416.01 TO \$7,440.00	310.00	11,160.00
30 (287)	\$7,440.01 TO \$7,464.00	311.00	11,196.00
31 (288)	\$7,464.01 TO \$7,488.00	312.00	11,232.00
32 (289)	\$7,488.01 TO \$7,512.00	313.00	11,268.00
33 (290)	\$7,512.01 TO \$7,536.00	314.00	11,304.00
34 (291)	\$7,536.01 TO \$7,560.00	315.00	11,340.00
35 (292)	\$7,560.01 TO \$7,584.00	316.00	11,376.00
36 (293)	\$7,584.01 TO \$7,608.00	317.00	11,412.00
37 (294)	\$7,608.01 TO \$7,632.00	318.00	11,448.00
38 (295)	\$7,632.01 TO \$7,656.00	319.00	11,484.00
39 (296)	\$7,656.01 TO \$7,680.00	320.00	11,520.00
40 (297)	\$7,680.01 TO \$7,704.00	321.00	11,556.00
41 (298)	\$7,704.01 TO \$7,728.00	322.00	11,592.00
42 (299)	\$7,728.01 TO \$7,752.00	323.00	11,628.00
43 (300)	\$7,752.01 TO \$7,776.00	324.00	11,664.00
44 (301)	\$7,776.01 TO \$7,800.00	325.00	11,700.00
45 (302)	\$7,800.01 TO \$7,824.00	326.00	11,736.00
46 (303)	\$7,824.01 TO \$7,848.00	327.00	11,772.00
47 (304)	\$7,848.01 TO \$7,872.00	328.00	11,808.00
48 (305)	\$7,872.01 TO \$7,896.00	329.00	11,844.00

1 (306)	\$7,896.01 TO \$7,920.00	330.00	11,880.00
2 (307)	\$7,920.01 TO \$7,944.00	331.00	11,916.00
3 (308)	\$7,944.01 TO \$7,968.00	332.00	11,952.00
4 (309)	\$7,968.01 TO \$7,992.00	333.00	11,988.00
5 (310)	\$7,992.01 TO \$8,016.00	334.00	12,024.00
6 (311)	\$8,016.01 TO \$8,040.00	335.00	12,060.00
7 (312)	\$8,040.01 TO \$8,064.00	336.00	12,096.00
8 (313)	\$8,064.01 TO \$8,088.00	337.00	12,132.00
9 (314)	\$8,088.01 TO \$8,112.00	338.00	12,168.00
10 (315)	\$8,112.01 TO \$8,136.00	339.00	12,204.00
11 (316)	\$8,136.01 AND OVER	340.00	12,240.00

12 (c) The schedule of benefits that is in effect on the 1st day of a claimant's
13 benefit year applies to the claimant throughout that benefit year.

14 (d) (1) Except as provided in § 8-1207 of this title for the work sharing
15 program and § 8-1604 of this title for the Self-Employment Assistance Program, an
16 eligible claimant shall be paid a weekly benefit amount that is computed by:

17 (i) determining the claimant's weekly benefit amount under this
18 section;

19 (ii) adding any allowance for a dependent to which the claimant is
20 entitled under § 8-804 of this subtitle; and

21 (iii) subtracting any wages exceeding [\$90] \$100 payable to the
22 claimant for the week.

23 (2) In computing benefits under this subsection, a fraction of a dollar
24 shall be rounded to the next lower dollar.

25 (e) Any child support payment that is required under § 8-807 of this subtitle
26 shall be withheld from benefits.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

28 (a) There is a Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight.

29 (b) The committee consists of the following 13 members:

30 (1) 3 shall be members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the
31 Senate;

32 (2) 3 shall be members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
33 Speaker of the House of Delegates;

34 (3) The Secretary Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's
35 designee;

1 (4) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
2 Secretary's designee;

3 (5) A representative of the Maryland Retailers Association, designated
4 by the Maryland Retailers Association;

5 (6) A representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, designated
6 by the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;

7 (7) A representative of the Job Opportunities Task Force, designated by
8 the Job Opportunities Task Force;

9 (8) A representative of union labor, designated by the Maryland State
10 and District of Columbia AFL-CIO; and

11 (9) A representative of the academic profession who is knowledgeable in
12 unemployment insurance law, designated jointly by the President of the Senate and
13 the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

14 (c) The members of the committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding
15 officer who appointed them.

16 (d) The President and the Speaker shall appoint a Senator and a Delegate,
17 respectively, each to serve as co-chair.

18 (e) (1) The committee shall examine the condition of the unemployment
19 insurance system in the State as a result of the implementation of this Act.

20 (2) The committee may examine the need for additional alterations to
21 the unemployment insurance system, including the charging and taxation provisions
22 and the eligibility and benefit provisions, in consideration of the fairness of the
23 system and in order to maintain the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund at a level
24 sufficient to ensure that benefits will be paid from the fund.

25 (f) (1) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staffing for the
26 committee.

27 (2) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report to
28 the committee on the condition of unemployment insurance in the State.

29 (g) A member of the committee may not receive compensation for serving on
30 the committee, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
31 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

32 (h) The committee shall report its preliminary findings and recommendations
33 on or before December 31, 2005 and its final findings and recommendations on or
34 before December 31, 2006 to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State
35 Government Article, to the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall
2 take effect January 1, 2006 and shall apply to tax contributions due that are based on
3 taxable wages for calendar years beginning on January 1, 2006.

4 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
5 take effect October 1, 2005 and shall apply to all claims filed establishing a new
6 benefit year on or after October 2, 2005.

7 SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in
8 Sections 4 and 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. Section 3 of this Act
9 shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of December
10 31, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this
11 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.