

# HOUSE BILL 1139

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF SB 819

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By: **Delegate Carey**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance – Weekly Benefit Amount – Income Disregard**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of wages disregarded when computing  
4 the weekly benefit amount to be paid to a claimant for unemployment insurance  
5 benefits; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of  
6 this Act; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Labor and Employment

9 Section 8–803(d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Labor and Employment**

15 8–803.

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

19 (i) determining the claimant’s weekly benefit amount under this

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 section;

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

4 (iii) subtracting any wages exceeding ~~[\$50] \$300~~ \$200 payable to the  
5 claimant for the week.

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

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
9 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
10 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
11 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
12 enacted. It shall remain effective until the state of emergency declared by the Governor due  
13 to the COVID-19 pandemic ends under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article and, at that  
14 time, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated  
15 and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.