

## Chapter 53

**(Senate Bill 819)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Labor and Employment  
 Section 8–803(d)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

**Article – Labor and Employment**

8–803.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective until the state of emergency declared by the Governor due

to the COVID–19 pandemic ends under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article and, at that time, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution, April 9, 2021.**