

## CHAPTER 1

[Engrossed House Bill No. 1]

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION—"ON" INDICATOR—6 PERCENT TRIGGER

An ACT Relating to unemployment compensation; amending section 2, chapter 1, Laws of 1971 as last amended by section 2, chapter 18, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.22.010; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 1, Laws of 1971 as last amended by section 2, chapter 18, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and RCW 50.22.010 are each amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Extended benefit period" means a period which:

(a) Begins with the third week after a week for which there is an "on" indicator; and

(b) Ends with the third week after the first week for which there is an "off" indicator: **PROVIDED**, That no extended benefit period shall last for a period of less than thirteen consecutive weeks, and further that no extended benefit period may begin by reason of an "on" indicator before the fourteenth week after the close of a prior extended benefit period which was in effect with respect to this state.

(2) There is an "on" indicator for this state for a week if the commissioner determines, in accordance with the regulations of the United States secretary of labor, that for the period consisting of such week and the immediately preceding twelve weeks, the rate of insured unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) either:

(a) Equalled or exceeded one hundred twenty percent of the average of such rates for the corresponding thirteen-week period ending in each of the preceding two calendar years and equalled or exceeded five percent; or

(b) Equalled or exceeded six percent: **PROVIDED**, That the six percent trigger shall apply only until April 30, 1984.

(3) There is an "off" indicator for this state for a week if the commissioner determines, in accordance with the regulations of the United States secretary of labor, that for the period consisting of such week and the immediately preceding twelve weeks, the rate of insured unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was either:

(a) Less than five percent; or

(b) Five percent or more but less than six percent and the rate of insured unemployment was less than one hundred twenty percent of the average of the rates for the corresponding thirteen week period ending in each of the two preceding calendar years: **PROVIDED**, That the six percent trigger shall apply only until April 30, 1984.

(4) "Regular benefits" means benefits payable to an individual under this title or under any state law (including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ex-servicemen pursuant to 5 U.S.C. chapter 85) other than extended benefits or additional benefits.

(5) "Extended benefits" means benefits payable for weeks of unemployment beginning in an extended benefit period to an individual under this title or under any state law (including benefits payable to federal civilian employees and to ex-servicemen pursuant to 5 U.S.C. chapter 85) other than regular or additional benefits.

(6) "Additional benefits" are benefits totally financed by the state and payable under this title to exhaustees by reason of conditions of high unemployment or by reason of other special factors.

(7) "Eligibility period" of an individual means the period consisting of the weeks in his or her benefit year which begin in an extended benefit period that is in effect in this state and, if his or her benefit year ends within such extended benefit period, any weeks thereafter which begin in such period.

(8) An "additional benefit period" means a period within an extended benefit period which:

(a) Begins with the third week after a week for which:

(i) The governor determines that adverse economic conditions and high unemployment among the state's workers necessitate payment of additional benefits; and

(ii) The commissioner determines that, for the fifty-two consecutive weeks ending with such week, the rate of insured unemployment as calculated under (d) of this subsection equals or exceeds six and one-half percent: PROVIDED, That six percent shall apply if the fifty-two week rate of insured unemployment has been less than four and one-half percent at any time within the preceding one hundred four weeks.

(b) Ends with the third week after a week for which the commissioner determines that, for the fifty-two consecutive weeks ending with such week, the rate of insured unemployment as calculated under (d) of this subsection is less than six and one-half percent: PROVIDED, That six percent shall apply if the additional benefit period began because of the proviso in (a)(ii) of this subsection, the fifty-two week rate of insured unemployment has not exceeded six and one-half percent during the additional benefit period, and the additional benefit period has been in effect for fewer than thirty-six weeks.

(c) No additional benefit period may last for a period of less than thirteen weeks, and no additional benefit period may begin before the fourteenth week after the close of a prior additional benefit period.

(d) "Rate of insured unemployment," for the purposes of (a) and (b) of this subsection, means the percentage derived by dividing the average

weekly number of individuals filing claims in this state for weeks of unemployment with respect to the most recent fifty-two consecutive-week period as determined by the commissioner on the basis of his reports to the United States Secretary of Labor by the average monthly employment covered under this title for the first four of the most recent six completed calendar quarters ending before the end of such fifty-two week period. The division shall be carried to the fourth decimal place with any remaining fraction disregarded.

(e) If a federally funded program of benefits is established which provides for benefits beyond thirty-nine weeks, any additional benefit period in effect shall terminate on the last day of the week preceding the effective week of the federal program. No additional benefit period may begin while such a federal program is in effect.

(9) "Additional benefit eligibility period" of an individual means the period consisting of the weeks in his or her benefit year which begin in an additional benefit period that is in effect and, if his or her benefit year ends within such additional benefit period, any weeks thereafter which begin in such period.

(10) "Exhaustee" means an individual who, with respect to any week of unemployment in his or her eligibility period:

(a) Has received, prior to such week, all of the regular benefits that were payable to him or her under this title or any other state law (including dependents' allowances and regular benefits payable to federal civilian employees and ex-servicemen under 5 U.S.C. chapter 85) in his or her current benefit year that includes such week; or

(b) Has received, prior to such week, all of the regular benefits that were available to him or her under this title or any other state law (including dependents' allowances and regular benefits available to federal civilian employees and ex-servicemen under 5 U.S.C. chapter 85) in his or her current benefit year that includes such week, after the cancellation of some or all of his or her wage credits or the total or partial reduction of his or her rights to regular benefits: PROVIDED, That, for the purposes of (a) and (b), an individual shall be deemed to have received in his or her current benefit year all of the regular benefits that were payable to him or her, or available to him or her, as the case may be, even though:

(i) As a result of a pending appeal with respect to wages or employment, or both, that were not included in the original monetary determination with respect to his or her current benefit year, he or she may subsequently be determined to be entitled to more regular benefits; or

(ii) By reason of the seasonal provisions of another state law, he or she is not entitled to regular benefits with respect to such week of unemployment (although he or she may be entitled to regular benefits with respect to future weeks of unemployment in the next season, as the case may be, in his or her current benefit year), and he or she is otherwise an exhaustee within

the meaning of this section with respect to his or her right to regular benefits under such state law seasonal provisions during the season or off season in which that week of unemployment occurs; or

(iii) Having established a benefit year, no regular benefits are payable to him or her during such year because his or her wage credits were canceled or his or her right to regular benefits was totally reduced as the result of the application of a disqualification; or

(c) His or her benefit year having ended prior to such week, he or she has insufficient wages or employment, or both, on the basis of which he or she could establish in any state a new benefit year that would include such week, or having established a new benefit year that includes such week, he or she is precluded from receiving regular benefits by reason of the provision in RCW 50.04.030 which meets the requirement of section 3304(a)(7) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, or the similar provision in any other state law; and

(d) (i) Has no right for such week to unemployment benefits or allowances, as the case may be, under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, and such other federal laws as are specified in regulations issued by the United States secretary of labor; and

(ii) Has not received and is not seeking for such week unemployment benefits under the unemployment compensation law of Canada, unless the appropriate agency finally determines that he or she is not entitled to unemployment benefits under such law for such week.

(11) "State law" means the unemployment insurance law of any state, approved by the United States secretary of labor under section 3304 of the internal revenue code of 1954.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 2

[Senate Bill No. 3036]

### DOUBLE AMENDMENTS—CORRECTED

AN ACT Relating to the correction of various state statutes necessitated by the amendment or repeal thereof in two or more laws which were enacted without reference to the other; re-enacting and amending section 19, chapter 192, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 1, chapter 51, Laws of 1982 and by section 3, chapter 195, Laws of 1982 and RCW 18-.71.030; reenacting section 3, chapter 92, Laws of 1959 as last amended by section 1, chapter 134, Laws of 1982 and by section 5, chapter 30, Laws of 1982 1st ex. sess. and