



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5369

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AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE MAXIMUM WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT RATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) For a construction worker identified pursuant to regulations
4 adopted in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the total
5 unemployment benefit rate for the individual's benefit year
6 commencing on or after April 1, 1996, shall be an amount equal to one
7 twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of his total wages paid
8 during that quarter of his current benefit year's base period in which
9 wages were the highest but not less than fifteen dollars nor more than
10 the maximum benefit rate as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

11 (b) For an individual not included in subsection (a) of this section,
12 the individual's total unemployment benefit rate for his benefit year
13 commencing after September 30, 1967, shall be an amount equal to one
14 twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of his
15 total wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section
16 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his current benefit year's base
17 period in which such wages were highest but not less than fifteen
18 dollars nor more than one hundred fifty-six dollars in any benefit year

19 commencing on or after the first Sunday in July, 1982, nor more than
 20 [sixty] fifty per cent rounded to the next lower dollar of the average
 21 wage of [production and related] workers in the state in any benefit
 22 year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1983, and
 23 provided the maximum benefit rate in any benefit year commencing
 24 on or after the first Sunday in October, 1988, shall not increase more
 25 than eighteen dollars in any benefit year, such increase to be effective
 26 as of the first Sunday in October of such year. The average wage of
 27 [production and related] workers in the state shall be determined by
 28 the administrator, on or before August fifteenth annually, as of the
 29 year ended the previous [June thirtieth] March thirty-first to be
 30 effective during the benefit year commencing on or after the first
 31 Sunday of the following October and shall be so determined in
 32 accordance with the standards for the determination of the average
 33 [production wages established by the United States Department of
 34 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics] wage of workers in the state
 35 calculated pursuant to the Connecticut Quarterly Census of
 36 Employment and Wages or such other method that accurately reflects
 37 the average wage of workers in the state as prescribed by the
 38 administrator.

39 (c) The administrator shall adopt regulations pursuant to the
 40 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.
 41 Such regulations shall specify the National Council on Compensation
 42 Insurance employee classification codes which identify construction
 43 workers covered by subsection (a) of this section and specify the
 44 manner and format in which employers shall report the identification
 45 of such workers to the administrator.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	31-231a

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