



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5369 File No. 232 Cal. No. 175

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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 31-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

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

14 (b) For an individual not included in subsection (a) of this section,
15 the individual's total unemployment benefit rate for his or her benefit
16 year commencing after September 30, 1967, shall be an amount equal
17 to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of
18 his or her total wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
19 section 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his or her current
20 benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest but not
21 less than fifteen dollars, and commencing after October 1, 2016, shall
22 be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower
23 dollar, of the average of his or her total wages, as defined in section 31-
24 222, paid during the three most recent quarters of his or her current
25 benefit year's base period but not less than fifty dollars nor more than
26 one hundred fifty-six dollars in any benefit year commencing on or
27 after the first Sunday in July, 1982, nor more than sixty per cent
28 rounded to the next lower dollar of the average wage of production
29 and related workers in the state in any benefit year commencing on or
30 after the first Sunday in October, 1983, and provided the maximum
31 benefit rate in any benefit year commencing on or after the first
32 Sunday in October, 1988, shall not increase more than eighteen dollars
33 in any benefit year, such increase to be effective as of the first Sunday
34 in October of such year, and further provided the maximum benefit
35 rate shall not increase in benefit years 2016, 2017 and 2018. The average
36 wage of production and related workers in the state shall be
37 determined by the administrator, on or before August fifteenth
38 annually, as of the year ended the previous June thirtieth to be
39 effective during the benefit year commencing on or after the first
40 Sunday of the following October and shall be so determined in
41 accordance with the standards for the determination of average
42 production wages established by the United States Department of
43 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

44 (c) The administrator shall adopt regulations pursuant to the
45 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.
46 Such regulations shall specify the National Council on Compensation
47 Insurance employee classification codes which identify construction

48 workers covered by subsection (a) of this section and specify the
49 manner and format in which employers shall report the identification
50 of such workers to the administrator."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	31-231a