



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6461**

January Session, 2017



**AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.**

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 Section 31-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 October 1, 2017*):

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 or her total  
8 wages paid during that quarter of his or her current benefit year's base  
9 period in which wages were the highest but not less than fifteen  
10 dollars, and commencing on or after October 1, 2017, shall be an  
11 amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of  
12 the average of his or her total wages, as defined in section 31-222, paid  
13 during the three quarters of his or her current benefit year's base  
14 period in which wages were the highest but not less than fifty dollars  
15 nor more than the maximum benefit rate as provided in subsection (b)  
16 of this section.

17 (b) For an individual not included in subsection (a) of this section,  
18 the individual's total unemployment benefit rate for his or her benefit  
19 year commencing after September 30, 1967, shall be an amount equal

20 to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of  
21 his or her total wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of  
22 section 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his or her current  
23 benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest but not  
24 less than fifteen dollars, and commencing on or after October 1, 2017,  
25 shall be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next  
26 lower dollar, of the average of his or her current total wages, as  
27 defined in section 31-222, paid during the three quarters of his or her  
28 current benefit year's base period in which wages were the highest but  
29 not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred fifty-six dollars  
30 in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in July,  
31 1982, nor more than sixty per cent rounded to the next lower dollar of  
32 the average wage of production and related workers in the state in any  
33 benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1983,  
34 and provided the maximum benefit rate in any benefit year  
35 commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1988, shall not  
36 increase more than eighteen dollars in any benefit year, such increase  
37 to be effective as of the first Sunday in October of such year, and  
38 further provided the maximum benefit rate shall not increase in any  
39 benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 2017,  
40 if the balance in the Unemployment Trust Fund results in an average  
41 high cost multiple that is less than 0.7, as calculated pursuant to  
42 subsection (f) of section 31-225a. The average wage of production and  
43 related workers in the state shall be determined by the administrator,  
44 on or before August fifteenth annually, as of the year ended the  
45 previous June thirtieth to be effective during the benefit year  
46 commencing on or after the first Sunday of the following October and  
47 shall be so determined in accordance with the standards for the  
48 determination of average production wages established by the United  
49 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

54 workers covered by subsection (a) of this section and specify the  
 55 manner and format in which employers shall report the identification  
 56 of such workers to the administrator.

57 Sec. 2. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 31-236 of the  
 58 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 59 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

60 (4) During any week with respect to which the individual has  
 61 received or is about to receive remuneration in the form of (A) wages  
 62 in lieu of notice or dismissal payments, including severance or  
 63 separation payment by an employer to an employee beyond the  
 64 employee's wages upon termination of the employment relationship,  
 65 [unless the employee was required to waive or forfeit a right or claim  
 66 independently established by statute or common law, against the  
 67 employer as a condition of receiving the payment,] or any payment by  
 68 way of compensation for loss of wages, or any other state or federal  
 69 unemployment benefits, except mustering out pay, terminal leave pay  
 70 or any allowance or compensation granted by the United States under  
 71 an Act of Congress to an ex-serviceman in recognition of the ex-  
 72 serviceman's former military service, or any service-connected pay  
 73 or compensation earned by an ex-serviceman paid before or after  
 74 separation or discharge from active military service, or (B)  
 75 compensation for temporary disability under any workers'  
 76 compensation law;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-231a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-236(a)(4)

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*