

SB 6097 - S AMD 479 to S AMD (S-3295.3/03)

By Senator Brown

6/10/03 NOT ADOPTED

1 On page 11, line 29, strike all of section 11 and insert the
2 following: "**Sec. 11.** RCW 50.20.120 and 2002 c 149 s 4 are each amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (1) (a) For claims with an effective date before January 4, 2004,
5 subject to the other provisions of this title, benefits shall be
6 payable to any eligible individual during the individual's benefit year
7 in a maximum amount equal to the lesser of thirty times the weekly
8 benefit amount (~~((determined hereinafter))~~), as determined in
9 subsection (2) of this section, or one-third of the individual's base
10 year wages under this title: PROVIDED, That as to any week (~~((beginning~~
11 on and after March 31, 1981,)) which falls in an extended benefit
12 period as defined in RCW 50.22.010(1), (~~((as now or hereafter amended,))~~)
13 an individual's eligibility for maximum benefits in excess of twenty-
14 six times his or her weekly benefit amount will be subject to the terms
15 and conditions set forth in RCW 50.22.020(~~(, as now or hereafter~~
16 amended)).

17 (b) With respect to claims that have an effective date on or after
18 January 4, 2004, benefits shall be payable to any eligible individual
19 during the individual's benefit year in a maximum amount equal to the
20 lesser of twenty-six times the weekly benefit amount, as determined in
21 subsection (2) of this section, or one-third of the individual's base
22 year wages under this title.

23 (2)(a) For claims with an effective date before January 4, 2004, an
24 individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an amount equal to one
25 twenty-fifth of the average quarterly wages of the individual's total
26 wages during the two quarters of the individual's base year in which
27 such total wages were highest.

28 (b) With respect to claims that have an effective date on or after
29 January 4, 2004, an individual's weekly benefit amount shall be an
30 amount equal to three and nine-tenths percent of the average quarterly
31 wages of the individual's total wages during the two quarters of the
32 individual's base year in which such total wages were highest.

1 (3) The maximum and minimum amounts payable weekly shall be
2 determined as of each June 30th to apply to benefit years beginning in
3 the twelve-month period immediately following such June 30th. (~~Except~~
4 ~~as provided in RCW 50.20.125,~~)

5 (a)(i) With respect to claims that have an effective date on or
6 after January 4, 2004, and before January 4, 2009, the maximum amount
7 payable weekly shall be ((seventy percent of the "average weekly wage"
8 for the calendar year preceding such June 30th))four hundred ninety-six
9 dollars.

10 (ii) With respect to claims that have an effective date on or after
11 January 4, 2009, the maximum amount payable weekly shall be four
12 hundred ninety-six dollars or sixty-three percent of the "average
13 weekly wage" for the calendar year preceding such June 30th, whichever
14 is greater.

15 (b) The minimum amount payable weekly shall be fifteen percent of
16 the "average weekly wage" for the calendar year preceding such June
17 30th.

18 (4) If any weekly benefit, maximum benefit, or minimum benefit
19 amount computed herein is not a multiple of one dollar, it shall be
20 reduced to the next lower multiple of one dollar."

21 On page 13, line 12, strike all of sections 12, 13, and 14 and insert
22 the following: "NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to
23 chapter 50.20 RCW to read as follows:

24 With respect to claims with an effective date on or after January
25 2, 2005 an otherwise eligible individual may not be denied benefits for
26 any week because the individual is a part-time worker and is available
27 for, seeks, applies for, or accepts only work of twenty or fewer hours
28 per week by reason of the application of RCW 50.20.010(1)(c),
29 50.20.080, or 50.22.020(1) relating to availability for work and active
30 search for work, or failure to apply for or refusal to accept suitable
31 work commensurate with the worker's employment history."

32 On page 35, line 18, strike all of subsection d.

33 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
34 references accordingly.

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EFFECT: The weekly benefit amount is calculated by multiplying the average quarterly wages of the individual's two highest quarters of a base year by .039. The maximum weekly benefit is frozen at \$496 until 2009 and then is 63% of the average weekly wage for the previous year or \$496, whichever is greater. Benefits are available for up to 26 weeks. Removes seasonal worker provisions, definition of part-time worker and transitional training benefits program. Permits part-time employees to receive unemployment benefits.