

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE TUCK

Introduced: 2/24/17

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to unemployment insurance benefits; increasing the maximum weekly**
 2 **unemployment insurance benefit rate; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 23.20.350(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) An individual who is eligible under (a) of this section is entitled to receive
 6 the weekly benefit amount set out in column (B) of the table in this subsection that is
 7 opposite the amount set out in column (A) of the individual's base period wages
 8 determined under (c) of this section:

	(A)	(B)
	Base Period Wages	Weekly Benefit
		Amount
	At least	But less than
12	0	2,500
13		\$ 0
14	2,500	2,750
		56

1	2,750	3,000	58
2	3,000	3,250	60
3	3,250	3,500	62
4	3,500	3,750	64
5	3,750	4,000	66
6	4,000	4,250	68
7	4,250	4,500	70
8	4,500	4,750	72
9	4,750	5,000	74
10	5,000	5,250	76
11	5,250	5,500	78
12	5,500	5,750	80
13	5,750	6,000	82
14	6,000	6,250	84
15	6,250	6,500	86
16	6,500	6,750	88
17	6,750	7,000	90
18	7,000	7,250	92
19	7,250	7,500	94
20	7,500	7,750	96
21	7,750	8,000	98
22	8,000	8,250	100
23	8,250	8,500	102
24	8,500	8,750	104
25	8,750	9,000	106
26	9,000	9,250	108
27	9,250	9,500	110
28	9,500	9,750	112
29	9,750	10,000	114
30	10,000	10,250	116
31	10,250	10,500	118

1	10,500	10,750	120
2	10,750	11,000	122
3	11,000	11,250	124
4	11,250	11,500	126
5	11,500	11,750	128
6	11,750	12,000	130
7	12,000	12,250	132
8	12,250	12,500	134
9	12,500	12,750	136
10	12,750	13,000	138
11	13,000	13,250	140
12	13,250	13,500	142
13	13,500	13,750	144
14	13,750	14,000	146
15	14,000	14,250	148
16	14,250	14,500	150
17	14,500	14,750	152
18	14,750	15,000	154
19	15,000	15,250	156
20	15,250	15,500	158
21	15,500	15,750	160
22	15,750	16,000	162
23	16,000	16,250	164
24	16,250	16,500	166
25	16,500	16,750	168
26	16,750	17,000	170
27	17,000	17,250	172
28	17,250	17,500	174
29	17,500	17,750	176
30	17,750	18,000	178
31	18,000	18,250	180

1	18,250	18,500	182
2	18,500	18,750	184
3	18,750	19,000	186
4	19,000	19,250	188
5	19,250	19,500	190
6	19,500	19,750	192
7	19,750	20,000	194
8	20,000	20,250	196
9	20,250	20,500	198
10	20,500	20,750	200
11	20,750	21,000	202
12	21,000	21,250	204
13	21,250	21,500	206
14	21,500	21,750	208
15	21,750	22,000	210
16	22,000	22,250	212
17	22,250	22,500	214
18	22,500	22,750	216
19	22,750	23,000	218
20	23,000	23,250	220
21	23,250	23,500	222
22	23,500	23,750	224
23	23,750	24,000	226
24	24,000	24,250	228
25	24,250	24,500	230
26	24,500	24,750	232
27	24,750	25,000	234
28	25,000	25,250	236
29	25,250	25,500	238
30	25,500	25,750	240
31	25,750	26,000	242

1	26,000	26,250	244
2	26,250	26,500	246
3	26,500	26,750	248
4	26,750	27,000	250
5	27,000	27,250	252
6	27,250	27,500	254
7	27,500	27,750	256
8	27,750	28,000	258
9	28,000	28,250	260
10	28,250	28,500	262
11	28,500	28,750	264
12	28,750	29,000	266
13	29,000	29,250	268
14	29,250	29,500	270
15	29,500	29,750	272
16	29,750	30,000	274
17	30,000	30,250	276
18	30,250	30,500	278
19	30,500	30,750	280
20	30,750	31,000	282
21	31,000	31,250	284
22	31,250	31,500	286
23	31,500	31,750	288
24	31,750	32,000	290
25	32,000	32,250	292
26	32,250	32,500	294
27	32,500	32,750	296
28	32,750	33,000	298
29	33,000	33,250	300
30	33,250	33,500	302
31	33,500	33,750	304

1	33,750	34,000	306
2	34,000	34,250	308
3	34,250	34,500	310
4	34,500	34,750	312
5	34,750	35,000	314
6	35,000	35,250	316
7	35,250	35,500	318
8	35,500	35,750	320
9	35,750	36,000	322
10	36,000	36,250	324
11	36,250	36,500	326
12	36,500	36,750	328
13	36,750	37,000	330
14	37,000	37,250	332
15	37,250	37,500	334
16	37,500	37,750	336
17	37,750	38,000	338
18	38,000	38,250	340
19	38,250	38,500	342
20	38,500	38,750	344
21	38,750	39,000	346
22	39,000	39,250	348
23	39,250	39,500	350
24	39,500	39,750	352
25	39,750	40,000	354
26	40,000	40,250	356
27	40,250	40,500	358
28	40,500	40,750	360
29	40,750	41,000	362
30	41,000	41,250	364
31	41,250	41,500	366

1	41,500	41,750	368
2	41,750	42,000	370
3	42,000	<u>42,250</u>	<u>372</u>
4	<u>42,250</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u>374</u>
5	<u>42,500</u>	<u>42,750</u>	<u>376</u>
6	<u>42,750</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>378</u>
7	<u>43,000</u>	<u>43,250</u>	<u>380</u>
8	<u>43,250</u>	<u>43,500</u>	<u>382</u>
9	<u>43,500</u>	<u>43,750</u>	<u>384</u>
10	<u>43,750</u>	<u>44,000</u>	<u>386</u>
11	<u>44,000</u>	<u>44,250</u>	<u>388</u>
12	<u>44,250</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>390</u>
13	<u>44,500</u>	<u>44,750</u>	<u>392</u>
14	<u>44,750</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>394</u>
15	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,250</u>	<u>396</u>
16	<u>45,250</u>	<u>45,500</u>	<u>398</u>
17	<u>45,500</u>	<u>45,750</u>	<u>400</u>
18	<u>45,750</u>	<u>46,000</u>	<u>402</u>
19	<u>46,000</u>	<u>46,250</u>	<u>404</u>
20	<u>46,250</u>	<u>46,500</u>	<u>406</u>
21	<u>46,500</u>	<u>46,750</u>	<u>408</u>
22	<u>46,750</u>	<u>47,000</u>	<u>410</u>
23	<u>47,000</u>	<u>47,250</u>	<u>412</u>
24	<u>47,250</u>	<u>47,500</u>	<u>414</u>
25	<u>47,500</u>	<u>47,750</u>	<u>416</u>
26	<u>47,750</u>	<u>48,000</u>	<u>418</u>
27	<u>48,000</u>	<u>48,250</u>	<u>420</u>
28	<u>48,250</u>	<u>48,500</u>	<u>422</u>
29	<u>48,500</u>	<u>48,750</u>	<u>424</u>
30	<u>48,750</u>	<u>49,000</u>	<u>426</u>
31	<u>49,000</u>	<u>49,250</u>	<u>428</u>

1	<u>49,250</u>	<u>49,500</u>	<u>430</u>
2	<u>49,500</u>	<u>49,750</u>	<u>432</u>
3	<u>49,750</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>434</u>
4	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,250</u>	<u>436</u>
5	<u>50,250</u>	<u>50,500</u>	<u>438</u>
6	<u>50,500</u>	<u>50,750</u>	<u>440</u>
7	<u>50,750</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>442</u>
8	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,250</u>	<u>444</u>
9	<u>51,250</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>446</u>
10	<u>51,500</u>	<u>51,750</u>	<u>448</u>
11	<u>51,750</u>	<u>52,000</u>	<u>450</u>
12	<u>52,000</u>	<u>52,250</u>	<u>452</u>
13	<u>52,250</u>	<u>52,500</u>	<u>454</u>
14	<u>52,500</u>	<u>52,750</u>	<u>456</u>
15	<u>52,750</u>	<u>53,000</u>	<u>458</u>
16	<u>53,000</u>	<u>53,250</u>	<u>460</u>
17	<u>53,250</u>	<u>53,500</u>	<u>462</u>
18	<u>53,500</u>	<u>53,750</u>	<u>464</u>
19	<u>53,750</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>466</u>
20	<u>54,000</u>	<u>54,250</u>	<u>468</u>
21	<u>54,250</u>	<u>54,500</u>	<u>470</u>
22	<u>54,500</u>	<u>54,750</u>	<u>472</u>
23	<u>54,750</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>474</u>
24	<u>55,000</u>	<u>55,250</u>	<u>476</u>
25	<u>55,250</u>	<u>55,500</u>	<u>478</u>
26	<u>55,500</u>	<u>55,750</u>	<u>480</u>
27	<u>55,750</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>482</u>
28	<u>56,000</u>	<u>56,250</u>	<u>484</u>
29	<u>56,250</u>	<u>56,500</u>	<u>486</u>
30	<u>56,500</u>	<u>56,750</u>	<u>488</u>
31	<u>56,750</u>	<u>57,000</u>	<u>490</u>

1	<u>57,000</u>	<u>57,250</u>	<u>492</u>
2	<u>57,250</u>	<u>57,500</u>	<u>494</u>
3	<u>57,500</u>	<u>57,750</u>	<u>496</u>
4	<u>57,750</u>	<u>58,000</u>	<u>498</u>
5	<u>58,000</u>	<u>58,250</u>	<u>500</u>
6	<u>58,250</u>	<u>58,500</u>	<u>502</u>
7	<u>58,500</u>	<u>58,750</u>	<u>504</u>
8	<u>58,750</u>	<u>59,000</u>	<u>506</u>
9	<u>59,000</u>	<u>59,250</u>	<u>508</u>
10	<u>59,250</u>	<u>59,500</u>	<u>510</u>
11	<u>59,500</u>		<u>510</u> [370].

* **Sec. 2.** AS 23.20.350 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(h) Notwithstanding (d) of this section, after December 31, 2019, the department shall increase weekly benefit amounts under (d) of this section by \$2 for each \$250 by which an individual's base period wages exceed \$59,500; however, the maximum weekly benefit under (d) of this section may not exceed 50 percent of the average weekly wage determined under (j) of this section.

(i) Annually, in November, the department shall give notice to the public of the weekly benefit amounts under (d) and (h) of this section by posting on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175), distribute copies of the notice without charge to persons who request copies and to publicly and privately owned news media organizations in the state, and deliver a copy to the lieutenant governor for publication in the Alaska Administrative Code. The notice must provide that any person may submit comments to the commissioner regarding the content of the notice.

(j) Annually, before November 1, the department shall determine the average annual wage paid to employees covered by this chapter for the most recent 12-month period that ended on June 30, and divide that wage by 52 to determine the average weekly wage.

* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2018.