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Social Security.

House File 191
By FREY and CARLSON.

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Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section ninety-six point three (96.3), ninety-six point seven (96.7), and ninety-six point nineteen (96.19), Code 1950, section one (1), chapter sixty-one (61), Acts, Fifty-fourth General Assembly, relating to unemployment compensation and unemployment benefits; to redetermine benefits payable for partial unemployment; to change the limitation on benefit credits; and the manner in which benefits are charged; and to increase the allowable weekly benefit amount.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Amend section ninety-six point three (96.3)
2 subsection three (3) by striking from line six (6) the word
3 "three" (3) and substituting in lieu thereof the word "five"
4 (5).

1 Sec. 2. Section ninety-six point three (96.3), Code 1950,
2 is hereby amended by striking from line thirteen (13) of sub-
3 section five (5) the word "one-third" ($\frac{1}{3}$) and inserting in
4 lieu thereof the word "one-half" ($\frac{1}{2}$).

1 Sec. 3. Section ninety-six point three (96.3), Code 1950,
2 is hereby amended by striking from line fifteen (15) of sub-
3 section five (5) the words "one hundred fifty dollars" (\$150)
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two hundred twenty-
5 five dollars" (\$225).

1 Sec. 4. Section ninety-six point seven (96.7), Code 1950,
2 is hereby amended by striking from subsection three (3), para-
3 graph "a", subparagraph three (3), the words "one-third" ($\frac{1}{3}$)
4 as the same appears in line three (3) thereof, and by inserting
5 in lieu thereof the word "one-half" ($\frac{1}{2}$), and by striking the
6 words "one hundred fifty dollars" (\$150) as the same appears
7 in line five (5) of said subparagraph, and by inserting in lieu
8 thereof the words "two hundred twenty-five dollars" (\$225).

1 Sec. 5. Amend section ninety-six point nineteen (96.19)
2 Code 1950, by striking the words "three" (3) as they appear in
3 the last lines of paragraphs "b" and "c" in subsection ten (10)
4 thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "five" (5).

1 Sec. 6. Amend section one (1), chapter sixty-one (61),
2 Acts, Fifty-fourth General Assembly, 1951, by striking from
3 line four (4) of section one (1) the words "twenty-six dollars"
4 (\$26) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "thirty-four dollars"
5 (\$34).

1 Sec. 7. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable
2 beginning with the quarter commencing July 1, 1953.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 191

Section 1, 5 and 6 of this amendment are designed to increase weekly benefits of eligible workers and are primarily needed by workers in the lower income brackets. The increase is from \$26 to \$34 per week. Benefit amounts should be tied to wages and the cost of living since unemployment benefits are only to tide workers over periods of unemployment by meeting the basic costs of living which cannot be deferred. The existing rate of \$26 per week is not adequate to meet food and housing expenses alone. An increase to \$34 in allowable benefits will better enable the worker to be secure in his home while he seeks another job. This is in keeping with the recognized need in other states throughout the country.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this amendment seek to give a worker wage credits equal to one-half of his actual earning in employment and no more. The increase of the \$150 quarterly limitation to \$225 is a step which should have been taken years ago. This original limitation is a carry-over from the first law and prior to amendments of recent years. It unjustly prohibits a worker from receiving credit for wages earned. A worker otherwise eligible should receive benefits based on all wage credits properly established, which are in turn based upon all of his earnings, subject, of course, to the limitation of \$225 each quarter.