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(COMPANION TO SF 157 BY DOTZLER)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the maximum amount of unemployment benefits
- 2 payable during a benefit year.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 96.3, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
2 2025, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. *Duration of benefits.* The maximum total amount of
4 benefits payable to an eligible individual during a benefit year
5 shall not exceed the total of the wage credits accrued to the
6 individual's account during the individual's base period, or
7 ~~sixteen~~ twenty-six times the individual's weekly benefit amount,
8 whichever is the lesser. The director shall maintain a separate
9 account for each individual who earns wages in insured work.
10 The director shall compute wage credits for each individual by
11 crediting the individual's account with one-third of the wages
12 for insured work paid to the individual during the individual's
13 base period. However, the director shall recompute wage credits
14 for an individual who is laid off due to the individual's
15 employer going out of business at the factory, establishment,
16 or other premises at which the individual was last employed,
17 by crediting the individual's account with one-half, instead of
18 one-third, of the wages for insured work paid to the individual
19 during the individual's base period. Benefits paid to an
20 eligible individual shall be charged against the base period
21 wage credits in the individual's account which have not been
22 previously charged, in the inverse chronological order as the
23 wages on which the wage credits are based were paid. However if
24 the state "off" indicator is in effect and if the individual is
25 laid off due to the individual's employer going out of business
26 at the factory, establishment, or other premises at which the
27 individual was last employed, the maximum benefits payable shall
28 be extended to twenty-six times the individual's weekly benefit
29 amount, but not to exceed the total of the wage credits accrued
30 to the individual's account.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill provides that the maximum total amount of
35 unemployment benefits payable to an eligible individual during a

1 benefit year shall not exceed 26 times the individual's weekly
2 benefit amount, rather than 16 times the weekly benefit amount as
3 provided under current law.

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