SEC. 8. Section ninety-six point nine (96.9), subsection six (6), Code 1958, is hereby amended by renumbering said subsection six (6) as subsection eight (8).

SEC. 9. Section ninety-six point thirteen (96.13), subsection one (1), Code 1958, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Insert in line seven (7) after the word "fund" the following: ", except money received pursuant to subsection four (4) of section ninety-six point nine (96.9) of this chapter,".
2. Strike from lines twelve (12) and thirteen (13) the words "social security board" and insert in lieu thereof the words "secretary of labor.'
3. Strike from lines seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) the words "social security board" and insert in lieu thereof the words "department of labor."
4. Add the following sentence at the end of said subsection one (1) :
"Notwithstanding any provision of this section, all money requisitioned and deposited in this fund pursuant to paragraph $c$ of subsection four (4) of section ninety-six point nine (96.9) of this chapter shall remain part of the unemployment compensation fund and shall be used only in accordance with the conditions specified in said subsection four (4) of section nine (9)."

Approved May 15, 1959.

## CHAPTER 112

## EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

## S. F. 420

AN ACT to amend chapter ninety-six (96), Code 1958, relating to employment security and the determination and payment of unemployment compensation benefits, so as to provide for increased weekly benefits up to a maximum of forty-four dollars ( $\$ 44.00$ ) per week taking into consideration family status and number of dependents, and up to twenty-six (26) weeks duration; also relating to eligibility, qualification and disqualification for benefits, and to the relaxation and liberalization of certain disqualification provisions.
Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section ninety-six point three (96.3), Code 1958, is amended as follows:

1. Strike from line six (6) of subsection three (3), the word "three" and insert in lieu thereof the word "six".
2. Strike subsection four (4) and substitute in lieu thereof the following:
"4. Determination of benefits. The weekly benefit amount payable to any individual shall be the amount appearing in the following schedule in column A opposite the wage bracket in column B stating the total wages for insured work paid to such individual during the calendar quarter of his base period in which such total wages were the highest:
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\(\stackrel{\text { B }}{\text { High Quarter Wages }}\)
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    Provided, however, that the weekly benefit amount payable to any
individual for any one (1) week shall not exceed:
    Forty-four dollars ($44.00) if the individual has no spouse or a
nonworking spouse and four (4) or more children;
    Forty dollars ($40.00) if the individual has no spouse or a non-
working spouse and three (3) children;
    Thirty-seven dollars ($37.00) if the individual has no spouse or a
nonworking spouse and two (2) children;
    Thirty-four dollars ($34.00) if the individual has no spouse or a
nonworking spouse and one (1) child;
    Thirty-two dollars ($32.00) if the individual has a nonworking
spouse and no children;
    Thirty-nine dollars ($39.00) if the individual has a working spouse
and four (4) or more children;
    Thirty-six dollars ($36.00) if the individual has a working spouse
and three (3) children;
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Thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) if the individual has a working spouse and two (2) children;

Thirty-two dollars ( $\$ 32.00$ ) if the individual has a working spouse and one (1) child;

Thirty dollars ( $\$ 30.00$ ) if the individual is not married or is married and has a working spouse and no children.

For the purposes of this subsection the term 'child' means a natural child, stepchild or adopted child under eighteen (18) years of age, and over said age if physically or mentally incapacitated, of the individual who is providing, and for at least ninety (90) consecutive days (or for the duration of the parental relationship if it has existed for less than ninety (90) days) immediately preceding the beginning date of such individual's benefit year has provided more than one-half ( $1 / 2$ ) of the cost of supporting such child; provided, that no person who has been determined to be a child of one (1) individual at the beginning date of such individual's benefit year shall be deemed to be a child of any other individual whose benefit year starts within one (1) year thereafter.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'nonworking spouse' means the lawful husband or wife of an individual claiming benefits under this chapter, for whom more than one-half ( $1 / 2$ ) the cost of support has been supplied by such individual for at least ninety (90) consecutive days (or for the duration of the marital relationship if it has existed for less than ninety (90) days) immediately preceding the beginning of such individual's current benefit year, and who has no earnings in excess of thirty dollars ( $\$ 30.00$ ) per week, but only if such husband or wife is currently ineligible to receive benefits under this chapter by reason of such spouse's failure to meet the requirement set forth in subsection five (5) of section ninety-six point four (96.4) as amended.

For the purposes of this subsection the term 'working spouse' means the lawful husband or wife of an individual claiming benefits under this chapter who earns in excess of thirty dollars ( $\$ 30.00$ ) per week, or who meets the requirements of subsection five (5) of section ninety-six point four (96.4) as amended.

An individual who is legally obligated to provide for the support of a child or of a nonworking spouse for said period of ninety (90) consecutive days, but was prevented from doing so by illness or injury when such reason is certified to the employer and the commission by a licensed and practicing physician, shall be deemed to have provided more than one-half ( $1 / 2$ ) of the cost of supporting such child or nonworking spouse for such period.

The family class to which an individual is assigned shall be determined as of the day with respect to which he first files a valid claim for benefits in any benefit year, and shall be fixed for the duration of such benefit year. The individual's statements with respect to his family status, made in connection with the filing of such claim for benefits, shall be accepted as establishing a prima facie showing thereof, subject, however, to the penalties for fraud or false representation provided in this chapter."
3. Strike subsection five (5) and substitute in lieu thereof the following:
" 5 . Duration of benefits. The maximum total amount of benefits
payable to any eligible individual during any benefit year shall not exceed the total of the wage credits accrued to his account during his base period, or twenty-six (26) times his weekly benefit amount, whichever is the lesser. The commission shall maintain a separate account for each individual who earns wages in insured work. The commission shall compute wage credits for each individual by crediting his account with one-third ( $1 / 3$ ) of the wages for insured work paid him during each calendar quarter of his base period, or his weekly benefit amount multiplied by seven point two (7.2) per quarter, whichever is the lesser. Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the base period wage credits in his account which have not been previously charged hereunder, in the same chronological order as the wages on which such wage credits are based were paid."

SEC. 2. Section ninety-six point four (96.4), Code 1958, is amended as follows:

1. Strike subsection three (3) and substitute in lieu thereof the following:
" 3 . He is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work."
2. Strike subsection five (5) and substitute in lieu thereof the following:
" 5 . He has been paid wages for insured work of not less than two hundred dollars ( $\$ 200.00$ ) in that calendar quarter in his base period in which his wages were the highest, and also he has been paid wages for insured work of not less than one hundred dollars ( $\$ 100.00$ ) in a calendar quarter in his base period other than the calendar quarter in which his wages were the highest; and provided further if he has drawn benefits in any benefit year, he must during or subsequent to that year, be paid wages in insured work totaling one hundred dollars ( $\$ 100.00$ ) as a condition to receive benefits in the next benefit year."

SEC. 3. Section ninety-six point five (96.5), Code 1958, is amended as follows:

1. Strike from line five (5) of paragraph " $a$ " of subsection one (1), the word "twelve" and insert in lieu thereof the word "six".
2. Change the period (.) at the end of paragraph " b " of subsection one (1) to a comma (,) and add thereafter the following: "provided, however, if such temporary employment proves to be unsuitable, (if so found by the commission), he shall forfeit only the credits he may have earned in said unsuitable employment."
3. Add at the end of subsection one (1) the following paragraphs:
"d. He left his employment because of illness or injury upon the advice of a licensed and practicing physician, and upon knowledge of the necessity for such absence immediately notified his employer, or his employer consented to such absence, and after recovering from such illness or injury when recovery is certified by a licensed and practicing physician, he returned to his employer and offered his service and his regular work or comparable suitable work was not available, if so found by the commission, provided he is otherwise eligible.
e. He left his employment upon the advice of a licensed and practicing physician, for the sole purpose of taking a member of his fam-
ily to a place having a different climate, during which time he shall be deemed unavailable for work, and notwithstanding during such absence he secures temporary employment, and returned to his regular employer and offered his services and his regular work or comparable work was not available, provided he is otherwise eligible.
f. He is the principal support of his family, or is a widow, widower, legally separated from his spouse, or a single person, and he left his employing unit for not to exceed ten (10) working days, or such additional time as may be allowed by his employer, for compelling personal reasons (if so found by the commission), and prior to such leaving had informed his employer of such compelling personal reasons, and immediately after such compelling personal reasons ceased to exist he returned to his employer and offered his services and his regular or comparable work was not available, provided he is otherwise eligible; except that during the time he is away from his work because of the continuance of such compelling personal reasons, he shall not be eligible for benefits.
$g$. He has been laid off from his most recent employing unit and he is the principal support of his family, or is a widow, widower, legally separated from his spouse, or a single person, and previous to this layoff he left work voluntarily, such voluntary leaving shall not be disqualifying if it occurred any time before ninety (90) days previous to the date he files a claim for benefits. The premature filing of a claim for benefits shall not be disqualifying after said ninety (90) day period.
h. 'Principal support' shall mean exclusive of the earnings of any child of the wage earner."
4. Strike subsection two (2) and substitute in lieu thereof the following:
"2. Discharge for misconduct. If the commission shall find that he has been discharged for misconduct in connection with his employment, he shall forfeit four (4) to nine (9) weeks' benefits."
5. Strike subsection five (5) and substitute in lieu thereof the following:
" 5 . Other compensation. For any week with respect to which he is receiving, has received, or is entitled to receive payment in the form of:
a. Wages in lieu of notice;
b. Compensation for temporary disability under the workmen's compensation law of any state or under a similar law of the United States;
c. Old-age benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (42 USC, chapter seven (7)), as amended, or similar retirement payments under any Act of Congress; provided that the commission shall withhold payments under this chapter if it has reason to believe a claimant is entitled to benefits under title II of the Social Security Act of the United States or any similar payments under any other Act of Congress, until such time as the claimant files with the commission satisfactory evidence that he is not entitled to such benefits.
d. Benefits paid as retirement pay or as private pension.

Provided, that if such remuneration is less than the benefits which would otherwise be due under this chapter, he shall be en-
titled to receive for such week, if otherwise eligible, benefits reduced by the amount of such remuneration. Provided, further, if benefits were paid for any week under this chapter for a period when benefits, remuneration or compensation under paragraphs ' $a$ ', ' $b$ ', ' $c$ ', or ' $d$ ', of this subsection were paid on a retroactive basis for the same period, or any part thereof, the commission shall recover any such excess amount of benefits paid by the commission for such period, and no employer's account shall be charged with benefits so paid, provided further, however, that retirement pay or compensation for service-connected disabilities or pensions based on military service, by the beneficiary, with the armed forces of the United States, irrespective of the amount of the benefit, shall in no way disqualify any individual, otherwise qualified, from any of the benefits contemplated herein."
6. Add the following subsection:
"7. Vacation pay.
a. When an employer makes a payment or becomes obligated to make a payment to an individual for vacation pay, or for vacation pay allowance, or as pay in lieu of vacation, such payment or amount shall be deemed 'wages' as defined in subsection thirteen (13) of section ninety-six point nineteen (96.19), and shall be applied as provided in paragraph ' $c$ ' hereof.
b. Whenever, in connection with any separation or layoff of an individual, his employer makes a payment or payments to him, or becomes obligated to make such payment to him as, or in the nature of, vacation pay, or vacation pay allowance, or as pay in lieu of vacation, and within seven (7) calendar days after notification of the filing of his claim, designates by notice in writing to the commission the period to which such payment shall be allocated; provided, that if such designated period is extended by the employer, he may again similarly designate an extended period, by giving notice thereof in writing to the commission not later than the beginning of the extension of such period, with the same effect as if such period of extension were included in the original designation. The amount of any such payment or obligation to make payment, shall be deemed 'wages' as defined in subsection thirteen (13) section ninety-six point nineteen ( 96.19 ), and shall be applied as provided in paragraph ' $c$ ' of this subsection seven (7).
c. Of the wages described in paragraph ' $a$ ' (whether or not the employer has designated the period therein described), or of the wages described in paragraph ' $b$ ', if the period therein described has been designated by the employer as therein provided, a sum equal to the wages of such individual for a normal work day shall be attributed to, or deemed to be payable to him with respect to, the first and each subsequent work day in such period until such amount so paid or owing is exhausted. Any individual receiving or entitled to receive wages as provided herein shall be ineligible for benefits for any week in which the sums, so designated or attributed to such normal work days, equal or exceed his weekly benefit amount. If the amount so designated or attributed as wages is less than the weekly benefit amount of such individual, his benefits shall be reduced by such amount."

Approved June 2, 1959.

