

**No Action  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill No. 296**

**BY: Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following:**

6           **SECTION 1.** Section 71-5-503, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8           71-5-503. An individual's weekly benefit amount for a  
9 benefit year shall be one-twenty-sixth (1/26) of his total wages  
10 for insured work paid during that quarter of his base period in  
11 which such total wages were highest, computed to the next lower  
12 multiple of One Dollar (\$1.00), if not a multiple of One Dollar  
13 (\$1.00).

14           On or before June 15 of each year, the total wages reported  
15 on contribution reports for the preceding calendar year shall be  
16 divided by the average monthly number of insured workers  
17 (determined by dividing the total insured workers reported on  
18 contribution reports pursuant to the regulations of the commission  
19 for the preceding year by twelve (12)). The average annual wage  
20 thus obtained shall be divided by fifty-two (52) and the average  
21 weekly wage thus determined rounded to the nearest cent. Sixty  
22 percent (60%) of this amount, rounded to the nearest dollar, shall  
23 constitute the maximum "weekly benefit amount" paid to any  
24 individual whose benefit year commences on or after July 1 of such

25 year and prior to July 1 of the next following year; \* \* \*  
26 however, \* \* \* the \* \* \* maximum weekly benefit amount shall not  
27 exceed Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$210.00) for any benefit year that  
28 begins on or after July 1, 2002, and shall not exceed Two Hundred  
29 Thirty Dollars (\$230.00) for any benefit year that begins on or  
30 after thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act. The  
31 minimum weekly benefit amount for the individual shall be Thirty  
32 Dollars (\$30.00). If an individual's weekly benefit amount would  
33 compute to less than the said minimum, then such individual would  
34 be entitled to no benefits.

35 An individual's weekly benefit amount, as determined at the  
36 beginning of his benefit year, shall constitute his weekly benefit  
37 amount throughout such benefit year.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-503, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE WEEKLY BENEFIT PAID TO  
3 INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.