

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 875

By: Senators Hester, *Holland, D. Sanders*

By: Representative J. Burris

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ADJUST WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AMOUNTS  
TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL NONREDUCTION RULE ON  
BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ADJUST WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT  
AMOUNTS TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FEDERAL  
NONREDUCTION RULE ON BENEFITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Effective for initial claims filed on the latter of January 1, 2014, or the first day of the calendar quarter after the federal nonreduction rule on benefits expires under the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112-240, Arkansas Code § 11-10-502(c), concerning weekly benefit amount for unemployment benefits, is amended to read as follows:*

(c)(1)(A) A weekly benefit amount shall not be greater than ~~sixty-six and two thirds percent (662/3%)~~ of the state average weekly wage for insured employment for the previous calendar year for benefit years beginning after June 30, 1985.

~~(2) However, effective July 1, 2012, the weekly maximum benefit amount established in subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall not be greater than four hundred fifty one dollars (\$451)~~ sixty percent (60%) of the state average weekly wage for insured employment for the previous calendar year.

(B) However, the weekly maximum benefit amount established in subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section shall not be greater than three



hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325).

(2) A weekly benefit amount at a level below the maximum weekly benefit amount shall be reduced by ten percent (10%) from the *current level*, but not below *eighty-one dollars (\$81.00)*.

*/s/Hester*