

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0006

Unemployment insurance coverage-period and reporting.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to labor and employment; reducing the  
2 maximum amount of unemployment benefits; renaming the  
3 unemployment insurance commission; specifying  
4 applicability; providing and amending definitions;  
5 providing an appropriation; and providing for effective  
6 dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 27-3-102(a)(v), 27-3-304, 27-3-601(a)  
11 and 27-14-802(b) are amended to read:

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13 **27-3-102. Definitions generally.**

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1 (a) Except as otherwise provided, as used in this  
2 act:

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4 (v) "Commission" means the ~~unemployment~~  
5 reemployment insurance commission of Wyoming within the  
6 department of workforce services;

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8 **27-3-304. Maximum payment.**

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10 (a) Except as provided by W.S. 27-3-316 and  
11 subsection (b) of this section, the maximum amount of  
12 benefits payable to any eligible ~~individual~~ person in a  
13 benefit year shall not exceed ~~twenty-six (26)~~ twenty (20)  
14 times ~~his~~ the person's weekly benefit or thirty percent  
15 (30%) of ~~his~~ the person's wages payable for insured work in  
16 ~~his~~ the person's base period, whichever is less. This  
17 amount shall be computed to the next higher multiple of ~~his~~  
18 the person's weekly benefit.

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20 (b) The maximum amount of benefits payable to any  
21 eligible person attached to regular work in a benefit year  
22 shall not exceed twenty-six (26) times the person's weekly  
23 benefit amount or thirty percent (30%) of the person's

1 wages payable for insured work in the person's base period,  
2 whichever is less. For purposes of this subsection,  
3 "eligible person attached to regular work" means a person  
4 who is a seasonal worker at the person's regular place of  
5 employment or a worker who is temporarily laid off but who  
6 expects to return to the regular place of employment within  
7 the following twelve (12) month period.

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9       **27-3-601. Reemployment insurance commission created;**  
10 **composition; terms; vacancies; salary; chairman; quorum;**  
11 **removal; office; seal.**

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13       (a) The ~~unemployment~~reemployment insurance  
14 commission of Wyoming is created within the department of  
15 workforce services and shall consist of three (3) members  
16 serving a term of six (6) years each. Appointments,  
17 vacancies and expiration of terms shall be in accordance  
18 with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-103. A member shall not  
19 hold any state office or serve as an officer or on a  
20 committee of any political organization during the term of  
21 membership. No more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the  
22 members shall be of the same political party.

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1       **27-14-802. Rulemaking power; fees; state's average**  
2 **wages; vocational rehabilitation; contracts with clerks of**  
3 **district court.**

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5       (b) Before the last day of each quarter in each year,  
6 the department shall estimate the average monthly and  
7 weekly wage for the twelve (12) months preceding the  
8 quarter, based on ~~unemployment~~reemployment insurance  
9 commission information and other available statistics.

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11       **Section 2.** There is appropriated eighteen thousand  
12 dollars (\$18,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming  
13 department of workforce services for purposes of updating  
14 and administering the Wyoming unemployment insurance  
15 system. This appropriation shall be for the period  
16 beginning with the effective date of this section and  
17 ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation shall not be  
18 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any  
19 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
20 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,  
21 2027.

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1       **Section 3.** This act shall apply to all unemployment  
2       claims filed on and after January 1, 2027.

4           Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2027.

9           (b) Sections 2 and 4 of this act are effective  
10 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
11 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
12 the Wyoming Constitution.

14 ( END )