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SYNOPSIS

Concerns eligibility for extended unemployment benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning extended unemployment benefits and amending
2 P.L.1970, c.324.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 7 of P.L.1970, c.324 (C.43:21-24.13) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 7. An individual shall be eligible to receive extended benefits
10 with respect to any week of unemployment in **his** the individual's
11 eligibility period only if the division finds, that with respect to that
12 week, the individual:

13 a. **he** is an "exhaustee" as defined in paragraph j. of section 5
14 of P.L.1970, c.324 (C.43:21-24.11); and

15 b. **he** has satisfied the requirements of this act for the receipt
16 of regular benefits that are applicable to individuals claiming
17 extended benefits, including not being subject to a disqualification
18 for the receipt of benefits; and

19 c. **he,** for any initial claim for extended benefits effective
20 after September 25, 1982 and before November 8, 2020, has
21 established entitlement for **his** the individual's applicable benefit
22 year based on the alternative earnings requirement specified in
23 subsection (e) of R.S. 43:21-4, and was paid wages during the base
24 year of his applicable benefit year which equaled or exceeded forty
25 times his weekly benefit rate; and

26 d. for any initial claim for extended benefits effective after
27 November 7, 2020, has established entitlement for the individual's
28 applicable benefit year based on the alternative earnings
29 requirement specified in subsection (e) of R.S. 43:21-4, and:

30 (1) was paid wages during the base year of the individual's
31 applicable benefit year which equaled or exceeded forty times the
32 individual's weekly benefit rate; or

33 (2) was paid wages during that base year which equaled or
34 exceeded 1 1/2 times the individual's wages paid during the
35 calendar quarter of the base year in which the individual's wages
36 were highest; or

37 (3) had 20 full-time weeks of employment during that base year.
38 (cf: P.L.1982, c.144, s.2)

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill provides additional options for eligibility for extended
46 unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.

47 Under the current UI law, an individual who qualifies for regular

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 benefits but exhausts those benefits, may then qualify for extended
2 UI benefits, funded on a 50-50, State/federal basis, only if the
3 individual was paid wages during the base year of his applicable
4 benefit year 40 times his weekly benefit rate.

5 This bill permits the individual to be eligible for the UI benefits
6 if, during the base year, the individual attained the current
7 requirement of being paid wages 40 times his weekly benefit rate,
8 or the individual either was paid wages 1½ times the individual's
9 wages paid during the calendar quarter of the base year in which the
10 individual's wages were highest; or had twenty full-time weeks of
11 employment during that base year.