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HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to S. P. 156, L. D. 425, Bill, "AN ACT to Extend Unemployment Compensation Benefits During High Periods of Unemployment."

Amend said Bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, §1192, sub-§5, amended. Subsection 5 of section 1192 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

5. Has earned wages. He has been paid ~~during his base period~~ wages of at least ~~$600~~ $300 for insured work in each of 2 different quarters in his base period and has been paid total wages of at least $600 in his base period for insured work. For the purpose of this subsection wages shall be counted as "wages for insured work" for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of section 1043, subsection 9 or section 1222, subsection 3, with respect to becoming an employer; provided, no individual may receive benefits in a benefit year, unless, subsequent to the beginning of the next preceding benefit year during which he received benefits, he performed services in employment as defined in section 1043, subsection 11, and earned remuneration for such service in an amount equal to not less than 8 times his weekly benefit amount in the benefit year being established.'

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Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause the following underlined abbreviation and figure '<u>Sec. 2.</u>'

Statement of Fact

Under current law it is possible to have up to 52 weeks of unemployment compensation following one separation from work. This is the so called "double dip" which allows an individual to be paid benefits in 2 benefit years without intervening work. Only 15 states still have this in their law. The amendment would do away with the "double dip". The Federal Employment Security Act of 1970 requires that all states do away with it by January 1, 1972. The federal legislation also requires the 13-week extension take effect by that time. It seems logical to do away with the "double dip" at the same time as legislation extending benefits for an additional 13 weeks is passed.

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