

SENATE BILL 819

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EMERGENCY BILL

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CF HB 1139

By: **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance – Weekly Benefit Amount – Income Disregard**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of wages disregarded when computing
4 the weekly benefit amount to be paid to a claimant for unemployment insurance
5 benefits; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of
6 this Act; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Labor and Employment

9 Section 8–803(d)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Labor and Employment**

15 8–803.

16 (d) (1) Except as provided in § 8–1207 of this title for the work sharing
17 program and § 8–1604 of this title for the Self–Employment Assistance Program, an eligible
18 claimant shall be paid a weekly benefit amount that is computed by:

19 (i) determining the claimant’s weekly benefit amount under this
20 section;

21 (ii) adding any allowance for a dependent to which the claimant is
22 entitled under § 8–804 of this subtitle; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) subtracting any wages exceeding [~~\$50~~] **\$300** payable to the
2 claimant for the week.

3 (2) In computing benefits under this subsection, a fraction of a dollar shall
4 be rounded to the next lower dollar.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
6 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
7 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
8 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
9 enacted. It shall remain effective until the state of emergency declared by the Governor due
10 to the COVID-19 pandemic ends under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article and, at that
11 time, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated
12 and of no further force and effect.