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NOVEMBER 18, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, NOVEMBER 18, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," defining "base year
16 wages"; and further defining "highest quarterly wages."

17 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
18 hereby enacts as follows:

19 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd
20 Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment
21 Compensation Law, is amended by adding a definition to read:

22 Section 4. Definitions.--The following words and phrases, as
23 used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless the

1 context clearly requires otherwise.

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3 (a.1) "Base year wages" means wages paid and workers'
4 compensation paid or payable under the act of June 2, 1915
5 (P.L.736, No.338), known as "The Pennsylvania Workmen's
6 Compensation Act" or the act of June 21, 1939 (P.L.566, No.284),
7 known as "The Pennsylvania Occupational Disease Act," during the
8 employee's base year.

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10 Section 2. Section 404(b) of the act, amended May 14, 1949
11 (P.L.1355, No.404), is amended to read:

12 Section 404. Rate and Amount of Compensation.--Compensation
13 shall be paid to each eligible employee in accordance with the
14 following provisions of this section except that compensation
15 payable with respect to weeks ending in benefit years which
16 begin prior to the first day of January 1989 shall be paid on
17 the basis of the provisions of this section in effect at the
18 beginning of such benefit years.

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20 (b) The "highest quarterly wages" of an employee shall be the
21 total wages and workers' compensation paid or payable under the
22 act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as "The
23 Pennsylvania Workmen's Compensation Act" or the act of June 21,
24 1939 (P.L.566, No.284), known as "The Pennsylvania Occupational
25 Disease Act," (computed to the nearest dollar) which were paid
26 to such employee in that calendar quarter in which such total
27 wages were and workers' compensation highest during the base
28 year.

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30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.