

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
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WEIDNER, MAY 31, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MAY 31, 1978

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," changing provisions
16 relating to base year.

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

19 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4, act of December 5,
20 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the
21 "Unemployment Compensation Law," amended September 27, 1971
22 (P.L.460, No.108), is amended to read:

23 Section 4. Definitions.--The following words and phrases, as
24 used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless the
25 context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (a) [(1)] "Base year" means the first four of the last five
2 completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day
3 of an individual's benefit year.

4 [(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), an
5 individual who does not meet the monetary requirements of
6 section 401 (a) of this act by reason of insufficient wage
7 credits in his base year as so defined, may elect to have his
8 base year consist of the first four of the completed calendar
9 quarters immediately preceding the first day of his benefit
10 year. The quarters included in such an election may not be used
11 at any time thereafter in the calculation of benefits for any
12 subsequent benefit year.]

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.