

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 702, Page 1, Section A, Line 3, by inserting after all of said section and  
2 line the following:

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4 "288.060. 1. All benefits shall be paid through employment offices in accordance with such  
5 regulations as the division may prescribe.

6 2. Each eligible insured worker who is totally unemployed in any week shall be paid for  
7 such week a sum equal to his or her weekly benefit amount.

8 3. Each eligible insured worker who is partially unemployed in any week shall be paid for  
9 such week a partial benefit. Such partial benefit shall be an amount equal to the difference between  
10 his or her weekly benefit amount and that part of his or her wages for such week in excess of twenty  
11 dollars, and, if such partial benefit amount is not a multiple of one dollar, such amount shall be  
12 reduced to the nearest lower full dollar amount. For calendar year 2007 and each year thereafter,  
13 such partial benefit shall be an amount equal to the difference between his or her weekly benefit  
14 amount and that part of his or her wages for such week in excess of twenty dollars or twenty percent  
15 of his or her weekly benefit amount, whichever is greater, and, if such partial benefit amount is not  
16 a multiple of one dollar, such amount shall be reduced to the nearest lower full dollar amount. [Pay]  
17 Termination pay or pay received by an eligible insured worker who is a member of the organized  
18 militia for training or duty authorized by Section 502(a)(1) of Title 32, United States Code, shall not  
19 be considered wages for the purpose of this subsection.

20 4. The division shall compute the wage credits for each individual by crediting him or her  
21 with the wages paid to him or her for insured work during each quarter of his or her base period or  
22 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount, whichever is the lesser. In addition, if a claimant  
23 receives wages in the form of termination pay or severance pay and such payment appears in a base  
24 period established by the filing of an initial claim, the claimant may, at his or her option, choose to  
25 have such payment included in the calendar quarter in which it was paid or choose to have it  
26 prorated equally among the quarters comprising the base period of the claim. The maximum total  
27 amount of benefits payable to any insured worker during any benefit year shall not exceed twenty  
28 times his or her weekly benefit amount, or thirty-three and one-third percent of his or her wage  
29 credits, whichever is lesser. For the purpose of this section, wages shall be counted as wage credits  
30 for any benefit year, only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date on which the employing  
31 unit by whom such wages were paid has become an employer. The wage credits of an individual  
32 earned during the period commencing with the end of a prior base period and ending on the date on  
33 which he or she filed an allowed initial claim shall not be available for benefit purposes in a  
34 subsequent benefit year unless, in addition thereto, such individual has subsequently earned either  
35 wages for insured work in an amount equal to at least five times his or her current weekly benefit  
36 amount or wages in an amount equal to at least ten times his or her current weekly benefit amount.

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1           5. [The duration of benefits payable to any insured worker during any benefit year shall be  
2 limited to:

- 3           (1) Twenty weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is nine percent or higher;  
4           (2) Nineteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is between eight and one-  
5 half percent and nine percent;  
6           (3) Eighteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is eight percent up to and  
7 including eight and one-half percent;  
8           (4) Seventeen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is between seven and one-  
9 half percent and eight percent;  
10          (5) Sixteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is seven percent up to and  
11 including seven and one-half percent;  
12          (6) Fifteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is between six and one-half  
13 percent and seven percent;  
14          (7) Fourteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is six percent up to and  
15 including six and one-half percent;  
16          (8) Thirteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is below six percent.

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18 As used in this subsection, the phrase "Missouri average unemployment rate" means the average of  
19 the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rates as published by the United States Department  
20 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the time periods of January first through March thirty-first  
21 and July first through September thirtieth. The average of the seasonally adjusted statewide  
22 unemployment rates for the time period of January first through March thirty-first shall be effective  
23 on and after July first of each year and shall be effective through December thirty-first. The average  
24 of the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rates for the time period of July first through  
25 September thirtieth shall be effective on and after January first of each year and shall be effective  
26 through June thirtieth; and

27          (9) The provisions of this subsection shall become effective January 1, 2016.

28          6.] In the event that benefits are due a deceased person and no petition has been filed for the  
29 probate of the will or for the administration of the estate of such person within thirty days after his  
30 or her death, the division may by regulation provide for the payment of such benefits to such person  
31 or persons as the division finds entitled thereto and every such payment shall be a valid payment to  
32 the same extent as if made to the legal representatives of the deceased.

33          [7.] 6. The division is authorized to cancel any benefit warrant remaining outstanding and  
34 unpaid one year after the date of its issuance and there shall be no liability for the payment of any  
35 such benefit warrant thereafter.

36          [8.] 7. The division may establish an electronic funds transfer system to transfer directly to  
37 claimants' accounts in financial institutions benefits payable to them pursuant to this chapter. To  
38 receive benefits by electronic funds transfer, a claimant shall satisfactorily complete a direct deposit  
39 application form authorizing the division to deposit benefit payments into a designated checking or  
40 savings account. Any electronic funds transfer system created pursuant to this subsection shall be  
41 administered in accordance with regulations prescribed by the division.

42          [9.] 8. The division may issue a benefit warrant covering more than one week of benefits.

43          [10.] 9. Prior to January 1, 2005, the division shall institute procedures including, but not  
44 limited to, name, date of birth, and Social Security verification matches for remote claims filing via  
45 the use of telephone or the internet in accordance with such regulations as the division shall  
46 prescribe. At a minimum, the division shall verify the Social Security number and date of birth  
47 when an individual claimant initially files for unemployment insurance benefits. If verification  
48 information does not match what is on file in division databases to what the individual is stating, the

1 division shall require the claimant to submit a division-approved form requesting an affidavit of  
2 eligibility prior to the payment of additional future benefits. The division of employment security  
3 shall cross-check unemployment compensation applicants and recipients with Social Security  
4 Administration data maintained by the federal government at least weekly. The division of  
5 employment security shall cross-check at least monthly unemployment compensation applicants and  
6 recipients with department of revenue drivers license databases."; and  
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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
9 accordingly.