

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H 3477 General Bill, By Caskey, Bannister, G.M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Long, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Sessions, Neese, Weeks, Bowers, Moss, Hartz, Lawson, Rankin, Guest, Brittain, Lowe, Sanders, M.M. Smith, T. Moore, Ballentine, Martin, Ligon, Oremus, Pedalino, Calhoon, Davis, Taylor, Holman, Erickson, Brewer, Gatch, Yow, Haddon, Hixon, Hiott, Wickensimer, Jordan, Hardee and Chapman**

**Summary:** Maximum potential employment benefits

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED IN A BENEFIT YEAR, SO AS TO BASE THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ALLOWED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING THE RATES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-120, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATION FOR BENEFITS.

12/05/24	House	Prefiled
12/05/24	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
01/14/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 218)
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01/28/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sessions, Neese
01/29/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks
02/03/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers, Moss, Hartz, Lawson, Rankin, Guest, Brittain, Lowe, Sanders, M.M.Smith, T.Moore, Ballentine, Martin, Ligon, Oremus, Pedalino, Calhoon, Davis, Taylor, Holman, Erickson, Brewer, Gatch, Yow, Haddon, Hixon, Hiott, Wickensimer, Jordan, Hardee
02/03/26	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means (House Journal-page 4)
02/04/26	House	Debate adjourned until Tues., 2-10-26 (House Journal-page 18)
02/10/26	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 17)
02/11/26	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Hewitt, B Newton, Hiott, Duncan, Lawson, McCravy, Caskey, Martin, Calhoon, White, Kirby, Brittain (House Journal-page 14)
02/18/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Chapman
02/18/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 17)
02/18/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 17)
02/18/26	House	Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 23)
02/19/26	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 31)
02/19/26	House	Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 32)
02/24/26	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
02/24/26	Senate	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 6)