**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 41‑35‑40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, SO AS TO MODIFY THE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 41‑35‑50 RELATING TO MAXIMUM POTENTIAL ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. SECTION 1. Section 41‑35‑40 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 41‑35‑40. An insured worker’s weekly benefit amount is fifty percent of his weekly average wage, as defined in Section 41‑27‑140, and the weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of one dollar, must be computed to the next lower multiple of one dollar. However, no insured worker’s weekly benefit amount may be ~~less than forty‑two dollars nor~~ greater than ~~sixty‑six and two‑thirds percent of the statewide average weekly wage most recently computed before the beginning of the individual’s benefit year~~ four hundred and one dollars.”

SECTION 2. Section 41‑35‑50 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect January 1, 2022.

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