

CHAPTER 450.

AN ACT to amend section 21 of chapter 142, laws of 1949, relating to the timing and application of unemployment compensation amendments recently enacted.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21 of chapter 142, laws of 1949, is amended to read:

SECTION 21. (a) The changes effected by * * * chapter 142, laws of 1949, in 108.05 (1) (schedule, from line 17 on) of the statutes shall apply * * * to unemployment benefit determinations (* * * under chapter 108 of the statutes) * * * issued after July 31, 1949. As to any such determination which is based on an employer's report (filed before July 31, 1949) which merely conceded a \$24 weekly benefit rate, without specifying the employe's exact wages and work-weeks, the provisions and procedure hereinafter set forth shall apply.

(b) Said changes shall also apply to those unemployment benefit determinations, issued before July 31, 1949, which have not ceased to apply (under 108.06 (3) of the statutes) and which show a weekly benefit rate of \$24, but only as to benefit checks issued after July 31, 1949, in the following manner:

(1) A weekly benefit rate of \$26, instead of \$24, shall apply, under each such outstanding \$24 determination, to all benefit checks issued thereunder after July 31, 1949, and the maximum benefits payable under each such determination shall be increased accordingly, except as hereinafter provided.

(2) The industrial commission shall, by July 18, 1949, so notify those employers as to whose account any such \$24 determination is outstanding; and all such \$24 determinations shall on July 31, 1949, become \$26 determinations, and the maximum benefits payable under each such determination shall be increased accordingly, excepting only those specific determinations as to which the affected employer duly notifies the commission not later than July 28, 1949 (on a form and pursuant to instructions supplied by the commission) that a lower weekly benefit rate should apply to the specified employe.

(3) When thus duly notified by an employer, the commission shall compute the given employe's "average weekly wage" (under said chapter 108) from the given employer for the year 1948, and also for the 6 months ended June 30, 1949, and shall use whichever is higher in determining what maximum benefits shall apply and what weekly benefit rate shall apply to all checks issued under the given determination after July 31, 1949.

SECTION 2. This bill, upon passage by both houses of the legislature, shall be transmitted to the governor in typewritten form, and the governor is hereby authorized to sign this bill in that form prior to the publication of the enrolled bill. Thereafter the usual number of copies of the enrolled bill shall be printed in act form.

Approved July 9, 1949.
