

# FAILED



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 4\*

AMENDMENT NO. A5  
(to be filled in by  
Principal Clerk)

H4-ARBx-20 [v.1]

Page 1 of 2

Comm. Sub. [YES]  
Amends Title [NO]  
Third Edition

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Senator Woodard

1 moves to amend the bill on page 39, line 10, by rewriting the line to read:

2 "**SECTION 12.(a)** G.S. 96-14.2(a), as enacted by this act, reads as rewritten;

3 '(a) Weekly Benefit Amount. – The weekly benefit amount for an individual who is  
4 totally unemployed is an amount equal to the wages paid to the individual in the two  
5 high-quarters last two completed quarters of the individual's base period divided by 52 and  
6 rounded to the next lower whole dollar. If this amount is less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00), the  
7 individual is not eligible for benefits. The weekly benefit amount may not exceed ~~three hundred~~  
8 ~~fifty dollars (\$350.00)~~ the maximum weekly benefit amount.

9 The Division must calculate the maximum weekly benefit amount each August 1. The  
10 maximum weekly benefit amount is sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the average  
11 weekly insured wage. If this amount is not a whole dollar, the Division must round the amount  
12 to the next lower whole dollar. The maximum weekly benefit amount set on August 1 of a year  
13 applies to an individual whose benefit year begins on or after that date and before August 1 of  
14 the following year.'

15 **SECTION 12.(b)** G.S. 96-14.4, as enacted by this act, reads as rewritten:

16 '**§ 96-14.4. Duration of ~~benefits for individual claimant~~ benefits.**

17 (a) Total Benefit Amount. – ~~The total amount of benefits paid to an individual may not~~  
18 ~~exceed the individual's total benefit amount.~~ The total benefit amount for an individual is  
19 determined as follows:

- 20 (1) Divide the individual's base-period wages by the average of the wages paid  
21 to the individual in the ~~last two completed two~~ high quarters of the base  
22 period.
- 23 (2) Multiply the quotient by eight and two-thirds.
- 24 (3) Round the product to the nearest whole number.
- 25 (4) Multiply the resulting amount by the individual's weekly benefit amount as  
26 determined under G.S. 96-14.2.

27 (b) Duration. – ~~The number of weeks an individual may receive benefits varies~~  
28 ~~depending on the seasonal adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies at the time the~~  
29 ~~regular unemployment claim is filed. The total benefits paid to an individual may not be less~~  
30 ~~than the individual's average weekly benefit amount multiplied by the minimum number of~~  
31 ~~weeks allowed in accordance with G.S. 96-14.3. The total benefits paid to an individual may~~  
32 ~~not exceed the lesser of the following:~~ The total regular benefits paid to an individual may not



\* H 4 - A R B X - 2 0 - V - 1 \*

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 4\*

**FAILED**

AMENDMENT NO. A5  
(to be filled in by  
Principal Clerk)

H4-ARBx-20 [v.1]

Page 2 of 2

1 be less than the minimum total benefit and may not exceed the lesser of the maximum total  
2 benefit or the individual's total benefit amount. The minimum total benefit for an individual is  
3 13 times the individual's weekly benefit amount. The maximum total benefit for an individual  
4 is 26 times the individual's weekly benefit amount.

5 (1) ~~The individual's average weekly benefit amount multiplied by the maximum~~  
6 ~~number of weeks allowed in accordance with G.S. 96-14.3.~~

7 (2) ~~The individual's total benefit amount, as calculated under subsection (a) of~~  
8 ~~this section.'~~

9 **SECTION 12.(c)** G.S. 96-14.3, as enacted by this act, is repealed.

10 **SECTION 12.(d)** This section becomes effective January 1 of the first year when  
11 the federal unemployment tax under Sections 3303 and 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
12 1986 on employers is no longer increased to repay any outstanding balance owed for advances  
13 to pay unemployment benefits. The changes to unemployment benefits made by this section  
14 apply to claims for benefits filed on or after that date.

15 **SECTION 13.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1,  
16 2013. Changes made by this act".

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ FAILED \_\_\_\_\_ TABLED \_\_\_\_\_

**The official copy of this document, with signatures  
and vote information, is available in the  
Senate Principal Clerk's Office**