

HB 2039 -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

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This bill changes the average unemployment rate requirement in order for an insured worker to receive unemployment compensation benefits to:

(1) 20 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 9%;

(2) 19 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 8.5% but no higher than 9%;

(3) 18 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 8% but no higher than 8.5%;

(4) 17 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 7.5% but no higher than 8%;

(5) 16 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 7% but no higher than 7.5%;

(6) 15 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 6.5% but no higher than 7%;

(7) 14 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 6% but no higher than 6.5%;

(8) 13 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 5.5% but no higher than 6%; and

(9) 12 weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is at or below 5.5%.

All necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section will be established by the Division of Employment Security within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.