

HB 649 -- 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) Twenty weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 9%;
- (2) Nineteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 8.5% but no higher than 9%;
- (3) Eighteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 8% but no higher than 8.5%;
- (4) Seventeen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 7.5% but no higher than 8%;
- (5) Sixteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 7% but no higher than 7.5%;
- (6) Fifteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 6.5% but no higher than 7%;
- (7) Fourteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 6% but no higher than 6.5%;
- (8) Thirteen weeks if the Missouri average unemployment rate is higher than 5.5% but no higher than 6%; and
- (9) Twelve 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.

This bill is the same as HB 2039 (2020).