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Overview

Provides state emergency unemployment benefits and modifies the base period for calculating benefits.

Section

- 1** **Base period.** Modifies the definition of base period for the calculation of unemployment benefits to mean the last four completed calendar quarters before the effective date of the applicant's application for unemployment benefits if the application has an effective date occurring after the month following the last completed calendar quarter.

If an application for benefits has an effective date that is during the month following the last completed calendar quarter, the base period remains the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters before the effective date of the application.

Effective for applications filed on or after April 1, 2009.
- 2** **Special emergency benefits.** Provides state emergency UI benefits to applicants that don't qualify for federal extended benefits because they do not meet the federal minimum earnings requirement. This section is effective the Sunday following final enactment and expires June 30, 2010.