

Amend **HB 2120** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. Section 201.011(1), Labor Code, is repealed.

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 201.013 to read as follows:

Sec. 201.013. DEFINITION OF BASE PERIOD; ALTERNATE BASE PERIODS. (a) For purposes of this subtitle and subject to this section, an individual's base period is the four consecutive completed calendar quarters, prescribed by the commission, in the five consecutive completed calendar quarters preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year.

(b) For an individual precluded because of a medically verifiable injury or illness from working during a major part of a calendar quarter of the period that would otherwise be the individual's base period under Subsection (a), the base period is the first four calendar quarters of the five consecutive calendar quarters preceding the calendar quarter in which the illness began or the injury occurred if the individual files an initial claim for benefits not later than 24 months after the date on which the individual's injury or illness began or occurred.

(c) For an individual who does not have sufficient benefit wage credits to qualify for benefits under the computation of the base period as provided by Subsection (a) or (b), the base period is the four most recently completed calendar quarters preceding the first day of the individual's benefit year.

SECTION _____. Section 208.002, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 208.002. [~~NOTICE OF~~] INITIAL CLAIM; LAST WORK. (a) When used in connection with an initial claim, "last work" and "person for whom the claimant last worked" refer to:

(1) the last person for whom the claimant actually worked, if the claimant worked for that person in six or more consecutive weeks and was paid wages by that person equal to at least six times the claimant's weekly benefit amount; or

(2) the employer, as defined by Subchapter C, Chapter 201, or by the unemployment law of any other state, for whom the

claimant last worked.

(b) The commission shall mail a notice of the filing of an initial claim to the person for whom the claimant last worked before the effective date of the initial claim. If the person for whom the claimant last worked has more than one branch or division operating at different locations, the commission shall mail the notice to the branch or division at which the claimant last worked.

(c) [~~(b)~~] Mailing of a notice under this section to the correct address of the person, branch, or division for which the claimant last worked constitutes notice of the claim to the person.