AN ACT concerning employment.

# Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly: 

Section 5. The Unemployment Insurance Act is amended by changing Section 403 as follows:
(820 ILCS 405/403) (from Ch. 48, par. 403)
Sec. 403. Maximum total amount of benefits.) A. With respect to any benefit year beginning prior to September 30, 1979, any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled, during such benefit year, to a maximum total amount of benefits as shall be determined in the manner set forth in this Act as amended and in effect on November 9, 1977.
B. With respect to any benefit year beginning on or after September 30, 1979, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled, during such benefit year, to a maximum total amount of benefits equal to 26 times his weekly benefit amount plus dependents allowances, or to the total wages for insured work paid to such individual during the individual's base period, whichever amount is smaller. With respect to any benefit year that has not terminated as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, including but not limited to a benefit year that began prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, any otherwise eligible individual whose total or partial unemployment is attributable to a lockout of the members of his or her collective bargaining unit shall be entitled, during such benefit year, to a maximum total amount of benefits equal to 52 times his or her weekly benefit amount plus dependents allowances, or to the total wages for insured work paid to such individual during the individual's base period, whichever amount is smaller. (Source: P.A. 81-962.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2010.

