



**Maryland Chamber of Commerce**

## **Legislative Position**

**SB 576  
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Committee  
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### **SB 576**

### **Unemployment Insurance - Maximum Benefit - Increase**

#### **Brief Summary of Bill:**

SB 576 would increase the unemployment insurance maximum weekly benefit amount by \$30 beginning on Oct. 1, 2009. It would increase the UI maximum weekly benefit amount by \$20 on Oct. 1, 2010.

#### **Maryland Chamber's Position:**

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce "Maryland Chamber" supports this bill. This bill is the result of a compromise between business and labor groups. The maximum weekly benefit amount has not increased in a number of years, and this bill provides for an increase that both business and labor agree to support. This bill provides a desired increase from the labor community. Fortunately, this bill will not impact the employer tax rate for 2010, due to the bill's effective date of October 1, 2009.

**For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests that the Committee give SB 576 a favorable report.**

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