

2006 LAWS OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND, Sct.:

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held in the City of Annapolis on the Eleventh Day of January 2006, and ending on the Tenth Day of April 2006, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. being Governor of the State, the following laws were enacted, to wit:

CHAPTER 1

(Senate Bill 790)

AN ACT concerning

Fair Share Health Care Fund Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Fair Share Health Care Fund; establishing the purpose of the Fund; providing that the Fund consists of certain payments made by employers in connection with a certain health care payroll assessment; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; requiring that investment earnings of the Fund be retained in the Fund; requiring the interest on and other income from the Fund be separately accounted for; requiring the Fund to be used to support the operations of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; providing that certain provisions of this Act apply to certain employers; requiring certain employers to submit certain information to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations that provide for the submission of certain information and a certain designation and affidavit; providing that a certain employer may exempt certain wages when calculating a certain percentage; requiring a certain employer to make a certain payment to the Secretary under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; prohibiting a certain employer from making a certain deduction; providing for ~~a certain penalty~~ penalties; requiring the Secretary to make a certain verification, adopt certain regulations, and make a certain payment to a certain fund; requiring the Secretary to report certain information to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining certain terms; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to requiring certain employers to pay a certain assessment for employee health insurance costs.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.