

subject to this Article, with respect to wages payable for employment (as defined in section 19 (g)) occurring during such calendar year. Such contributions shall become due and be paid by each employer to the Board for the fund in accordance with such regulation as the Board may prescribe, and shall not be deducted, in whole or in part, from the wages of individuals in his employ.

(2) In the payment of any contributions, a fractional part of a cent shall be disregarded unless it amounts to one-half cent or more, in which case it shall be increased to 1 cent.

(b) (Rate of Contribution.) Each employer shall pay contributions equal to the following percentages of wages payable by him with respect to employment:

(1) Nine-tenths of 1 per centum with respect to employment during the calendar year 1936;

(2) One and eight-tenths per centum with respect to employment during the calendar year 1937;

(3) Two and seven-tenths per centum with respect to employment during the calendar years 1938 and thereafter.

(c) (Records of Employer.) The Board shall maintain a separate account for each employer, and shall credit his account with all the contributions which he has paid on his own behalf. But nothing in this Article, shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals in his service prior claims or rights to the amounts paid by him into the fund either on his own behalf or on behalf of such individuals.

(d) (Study of Merit Rating.) The Board shall investigate and study the operation of this Article and the experience hereunder with a view to determining the advisability of establishing a rating system which would equitably rate the unemployment risk and fix the contribution to the fund of each employer and would encourage the stabilization of employment. The Board shall submit its report and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature not later than February 1, 1941.

Employers.

1936 (Dec. Sp. Sess.), ch. 1, sec. 8. 1937 (Sp. Sess.), ch. 2, sec. 8.

8. (a) Any employing unit which is or becomes an employer subject to this Article within any calendar year shall be subject to this Article during the whole of such calendar year.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in sub-section (c) of this section, an employing unit shall cease to be an employer subject to this Article only as of the first day of January of any calendar year, if it files with the Board prior to the fifth day of January of such year, a written application for termination of coverage, and the Board finds that as of the first day of January, 1936 and 1937, there were no 20 different weeks within the preceding calendar year within which such employing unit employed eight or more individuals in employment subject to this Article, or that as of the first day of January of the calendar year 1938 or any calendar year thereafter, there were no 20 different weeks within the preceding calendar year within which such employing unit employed four or more individuals in employment subject to this Article. For the purpose of this sub-section the two or more employing units mentioned in paragraph (2) or (3) or (4) of Section 19 (f) shall be treated as a single employing unit.