

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 368

(Senate Bill 188)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8(c)(2) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition; 1960 Supplement), title "Unemployment Insurance Law", sub-title "Contributions", relating to the employer's contribution rate and setting forth conditions under which that rate shall not be reduced.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 8(c)(2) of Article 95A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition; 1960 Supplement), title "Unemployment Insurance Law", sub-title "Contributions", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8(c)(2)—No employer's rate shall be varied from 2.7 percent for any fiscal year, except as provided in sub-section (c)(4)(i) of this section, and unless and until his experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 36-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date (as defined in sub-section (c)(7) of this section), and unless and until each of his annual payrolls, as defined herein, during the four calendar years immediately preceding the computation date for that fiscal year equals or exceeds \$200.00; except that any employer who has not been subject to the provisions of this article for a period of time sufficient to meet the 36-consecutive-calendar-month requirement shall, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960 and for each fiscal year thereafter, have his rate computed on the basis of his experience provided his account has been chargeable with benefits throughout at least the 12-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date, and provided further that each of his annual payrolls, as defined herein, during the two calendar years immediately preceding the computation date for that fiscal year equalled or exceeded \$200.00. *Provided, that if an employer has met all of the other requirements of the law to qualify for an experience rate, but does not have the required annual payrolls because he failed to pay contributions due and payable, on or before the computation date, his contribution rate for the following fiscal year shall be his earned rate or the standard rate, whichever is the greater.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a ye and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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