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(iv) The term "principal base period employer" means the employer by whom an individual was paid the largest amount of his base period wages.

- (v) The term "base period wages" means wages paid to an individual during his base period for insured work.
- (10) For the purposes of the experience-rating provisions of this subsection, in any case where a claim for benefits is filed, an employer's account shall not be charged with benefits paid, for the purposes of any computation made for any fiscal year beginning after the date of separation from employment, if the claimant: (i) leaves the service of the employer voluntarily without good cause attributable to his employer; or (ii) is separated from the service of the employer and admits or is found guilty of having committed any criminal act against the employer.
- (11) The experience-rating account of an employer who pays contributions under this section may not be charged for benefits paid to an individual whose base period wages include wages for previously uncovered services, as defined in § 20(n-1) of this article, to the extent that the fund is reimbursed for the benefits under the Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1976.

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(b) Any business that locates in an Urban Enterprise Zone may be eligible, as determined by the local governments with the approval of the Governor, to receive reductions in workmen's compensation premiums, under Section 74 of Article 101, AND exemption from income tax under Section 288(d)(10) of Article 81, [and reductions in unemployment insurance fund contributions under Section 8(b)(2) of Article 95A of the Code,] provided it meets the eligibility standards for employment of residents of the Urban Enterprise Zone or the subdivision established by the federal government.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

June 1, 1982

The Honorable James Clark, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404