- (2) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary, an employing unit shall:
- (i) submit to the Secretary periodic reports for determination of the amount of contributions due; and
 - (ii) pay the contribution.
 - (3) For payment of contributions, a fractional part of a cent:
 - (i) that is less than one-half cent shall be disregarded; and
 - (ii) that is one-half cent or more shall be increased to 1 cent.
- (e) Wages paid by a private, for-profit employing unit to an inmate of a custodial or penal institution before the inmate is permanently released from the custodial or penal institution, including released by parole, may not constitute taxable wages.
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{(f)}}$ An employing unit may not deduct contributions, wholly or partly, from the wages of an employee.

[8–610.5.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
 - (2) "Successor employer" means an employer that:
- (i) acquires, by sale or otherwise, all or part of the assets, business, organization, or trade of an existing employer; and
- (ii) was not an employing unit before acquiring the assets, business, organization, or trade of the predecessor employer.
- (3) "New employer" means an employing unit that does not qualify for an earned rate under § 8–610 of this subtitle.
- (b) A successor employer shall be assigned a contribution rate according to subsection (c) of this section.
- (c) During the first fiscal year of the acquisition of the assets, business, organization, or trade, the successor employer shall elect to:
- (1) assume the experience and contribution rate of the predecessor employer; or
- (2) be considered a new employer and be assigned a contribution rate in accordance with § 8-609 of this subtitle for the first 2 years after the acquisition of the business.]

8-613.

- (a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.
 - (2) "BUSINESS" OR "TRADE" INCLUDES THE EMPLOYER'S WORKFORCE.