

~~8-512.~~

~~(a) (1) Any [party] CLAIMANT OR EMPLOYER who is aggrieved by a final decision of the Board of Appeals may appeal the decision to a circuit court.~~

~~(2) The Board of Appeals may be a party to an appeal under this section and may be represented by the Attorney General or by any qualified lawyer who is a regular salaried employee of the Board of Appeals and who has been designated by it for that purpose on recommendation of the Attorney General.~~

~~(3) A court or an officer of a court may not charge an individual who claims benefits a fee in any proceeding under this title.~~

~~8-602.~~

~~(a) On the Secretary's own initiative or on application of an employer, the Secretary shall, on the basis of facts that the Secretary finds, determine:~~

- ~~(1) whether the employer is an employing unit;~~
- ~~(2) which employment is covered; and~~
- ~~(3) the contribution rate to be assigned.~~

~~(b) (1) The Secretary shall mail notice of the determination under subsection (a) of this section to the employer at its last known address or otherwise deliver notice to the employer.~~

~~(2) The notice shall include a statement of the supporting facts found by the Secretary.~~

~~(c) (1) An employer may appeal a determination of the Secretary to the Board of Appeals within 15 days after the Secretary mailed or otherwise delivered the notice under subsection (b) of this section.~~

- ~~(2) The Board of Appeals shall allow the appeal.~~
- ~~(3) The Secretary shall be a party to the appeal.~~

~~(4) The Board of Appeals shall give the parties a reasonable opportunity for a fair hearing as provided under Subtitle 5 of this title.~~

~~(D) A CLAIMANT MAKING A CLAIM FOR BENEFITS UNDER § 8-805 OF THIS TITLE MAY NOT BE PRECLUDED FROM PURSUING THE CLAIM SOLELY BASED UPON A DETERMINATION MADE UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~9-603.~~

On or before December 15 of each year, the Department of [Economic and Employment Development] LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION shall:

- (1) determine the State average weekly wage as of July 1 of that year; and
- (2) report the State average weekly wage to the Commission.