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SYNOPSIS

Excludes payments made for unemployment compensation benefits related to layoffs resulting from public health emergency or state of emergency from calculation of employer contribution for unemployment compensation benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **AN ACT** concerning employer contributions to the unemployment
2 compensation fund and supplementing Title 43 of the Revised
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.43:21-7, the costs
9 of any unemployment compensation benefits paid during a public
10 health emergency or state of emergency shall not be considered when
11 calculating employer contributions to the State unemployment
12 compensation fund, established by R.S.43:21-9.

13 b. As used in this section:

14 “Public health emergency” means an occurrence or imminent
15 threat of an illness or health condition, caused by bio terrorism,
16 epidemic or pandemic disease, or a novel and highly fatal infectious
17 agent or biological toxin, that poses a substantial risk of a significant
18 number of human fatalities or incidents or permanent or long-term
19 disability, and which has been declared a public health emergency by
20 the Governor.

21 “State of emergency” means a natural or man-made disaster or
22 emergency for which a state of emergency has been declared by the
23 Governor.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill excludes from the calculation of employer contributions
31 to the unemployment compensation fund payments made for
32 unemployment compensation benefits related to layoffs resulting
33 from a public health emergency or a state of emergency. Under
34 current law, an employer’s contribution rate to the unemployment
35 compensation fund is affected by the employer’s experience rating;
36 that is, the number of times a former employee of an employer
37 collects benefits impacts the employer’s contribution rate for the
38 following year. This bill excludes from the calculation of the
39 employer contribution rate benefits paid to employees in relation to
40 a public health emergency or a state of emergency.