

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4807

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**SYNOPSIS**

Waives shared responsibility tax payments for certain individuals without minimum essential health benefits coverage during coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning minimum essential coverage and the coronavirus  
2 disease 2019 pandemic.

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

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7 1. a. For any month during which Executive Order 103 of 2020  
8 is in effect, the State shared responsibility tax established pursuant to  
9 section 3 of P.L.2018, c.31 (C.54A:11-3) shall not be imposed with  
10 respect to any applicable individual for that month if the taxpayer:

11 (1) receives any State or federal unemployment benefits,  
12 including regular or extended benefits and benefits received through  
13 the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, the Pandemic Emergency  
14 Unemployment Compensation, or the Federal Pandemic  
15 Unemployment Compensation programs; or

16 (2) is experiencing a substantial loss of income.

17 b. As used in this act:

18 “Executive Order 103 of 2020” means the public health  
19 emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020  
20 concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, or an extension  
21 or replacement of that Executive Order.

22 “Substantial loss of income” means a reduction in monthly income  
23 of 50 percent or greater in a month, as compared to the taxpayer’s  
24 average monthly income in tax year 2019.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately, shall be retroactive to  
27 March 9, 2020, and shall expire 12 months following the expiration  
28 of Executive Order 103 of 2020.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill provides that, for any month during which the public  
34 health emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103  
35 of 2020 concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, or an  
36 extension or replacement of that Executive Order, is in effect the  
37 State shared responsibility tax shall not be imposed with respect to  
38 any applicable individual for that month if the taxpayer:

39 (1) receives unemployment benefits; or

40 (2) is experiencing a substantial loss of income.

41 Current law requires certain taxpayers to pay the State shared  
42 responsibility tax for each month the taxpayer or the taxpayer’s  
43 dependents do not have minimum essential coverage to provide for  
44 the costs of health care services. This bill suspends that requirement  
45 during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic for taxpayers  
46 receiving unemployment benefits and taxpayers who have  
47 experienced a substantial loss of income.

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- 1 Under the bill, a “substantial loss of income” means a reduction in
- 2 monthly income of 50 percent or greater in a month, as compared to
- 3 the taxpayer’s average monthly income in tax year 2019.