

CHAPTER 223

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

HOUSE BILL 97-1159

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AN ACT

CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX RELIEF FOR NEWLY CREATED BUSINESSES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 8-76-103 (3) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1986 Repl. Vol., is amended, and the said 8-76-103 (3) (a), as amended, is further amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH, to read:

8-76-103. Future rates based on benefit experience. (3) (a) (I) The standard rate of taxes shall be ~~two and seven tenths~~ ONE AND SEVEN TENTHS percent. Employer tax rates for employers newly subject to articles 70 to 82 of this title on or after July 1, ~~1983~~ 1997, shall be determined each year as of the computation date in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (II) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (3). Such new employers shall pay tax at the standard rate or at the computed rate, whichever is higher, unless and until there have been ~~thirty-six~~ TWELVE consecutive calendar months immediately preceding the computation date throughout which an employer's account has been chargeable with benefit payments.

(VI) (A) EMPLOYER TAX RATES FOR EMPLOYERS NEWLY SUBJECT TO ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS TITLE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 1994, AND PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1997, SHALL BE DETERMINED EACH YEAR AS OF THE COMPUTATION DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (3). SUCH NEW EMPLOYERS SHALL PAY TAX AT THE STANDARD RATE THEN IN EFFECT OR AT THE COMPUTED RATE, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER, UNLESS AND UNTIL THERE HAVE

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

BEEN TWELVE CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE COMPUTATION DATE THROUGHOUT WHICH AN EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CHARGEABLE WITH BENEFIT PAYMENTS.

(B) THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (VI) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 28, 1997