SENATE FILE NO. SF0066

Unemployment compensation adjustment factor.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Johnson

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to unemployment compensation contribution rates; providing that a positive fund balance adjustment factor be apportioned among employers as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 27-3-505(b) is amended to read:

27-3-505. Adjustment for noncharged and ineffectively charged benefits; adjustment for positive and negative fund balance; computations; exception; maximum rate.

(b) If the fund balance on October 31 of the year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the contribution rate is being computed is less than three and one-half percent (3½%) of the total payrolls reported to the department by September 30 for that year ending June 30, a positive fund balance adjustment factor shall be computed. The adjustment factor shall be computed annually to the fourth decimal by dividing the total reported taxable payrolls for the year ending June 30 of the year immediately preceding the calendar year for which the contribution rate is being computed, into a sum equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the difference between the amount in the fund on October 31 of the same year and five percent (5%) of the total payrolls for that year ending June 30. The adjustment factor shall be effective until the fund balance on October 31 of the year immediately preceding the effective date of the contribution rate equals three and one-half percent (3½%) or more of the total payrolls for that year ending June 30. The department shall by rule and regulation establish an additional formula to apportion the positive fund balance adjustment factor between those employers whose accounts have not been chargeable for benefits throughout the employers' experience periods and those employers whose accounts have been chargeable for benefits throughout the employers' experience periods. For purposes of the apportionment, those employers having no established experience period shall be treated the same as those employers whose accounts have been chargeable for benefits throughout the employers' experience periods. The apportionment formula shall reflect:

(i) The proportion of contribution revenue received from each of the two (2) groups of employers during the previous calendar year;

(ii) An additional surcharge for employers whose accounts have been chargeable for benefits throughout the employers' experience periods.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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