

CHAPTER 270

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 3059]

MARGINAL LABOR FORCE ATTACHMENT—EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION
RATES—REVISION

AN ACT Relating to the revision of employers' rates of contribution for unemployment compensation for employees with marginal labor force attachment; amending RCW 50.29.020; adding a new section to chapter 50.29 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 50.29 RCW to read as follows:

(1) For the purpose of establishing an employer's rate of contribution for the tax year beginning January 1, 1985, the department shall calculate a percentage rate of savings for benefit charges for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985 and apply the rate as though RCW 50.29.020(2)(g) had been in effect for fiscal years 1984, 1983, 1982, and 1981. For fiscal years ending June 30, 1986, and beyond, benefit charges will be calculated pursuant to RCW 50.29.020(2)(g).

(2) For the purpose of establishing an employer's rate of contribution for the tax year beginning January 1, 1986, the department shall calculate the percentage rate of savings for benefit charges for the fiscal year ending 1985, and apply the rate to fiscal years 1984, 1983, and 1982.

(3) For the purpose of establishing an employer's rate of contribution for the tax year beginning January 1, 1987, the department shall calculate the average percentage rate of savings for benefit charges for fiscal years 1986 and 1985, and apply the rate to fiscal years 1984 and 1983.

(4) For the purpose of establishing an employer's rate of contribution for the tax year beginning January 1, 1988, the department shall calculate the average percentage rate of savings for benefit charges for fiscal years 1987, 1986, and 1985, and apply the rate to fiscal year 1984.

Sec. 2. Section 11, chapter 2, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as last amended by section 7, chapter 205, Laws of 1984 and RCW 50.29.020 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) An experience rating account shall be established and maintained for each employer, except those employers whose employees are covered under chapter 50.44 RCW, based on existing records of the employment security department. Benefits paid to any eligible individuals shall be charged to the experience rating accounts of each of his employers during his base year in the same ratio that the wages paid by each employer to the individual during the base year bear to the wages paid by all employers to that individual during that base year, except as provided in section 1 of this 1985 act.

(2) The legislature finds that certain benefit payments, in whole or in part, should not be charged to the experience rating accounts of employers whose employees are not covered under chapter 50.44 RCW, as follows:

(a) Benefits paid to any individuals later determined to be ineligible shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

(b) Benefits paid to an individual under the provisions of RCW 50.12-.050 shall not be charged to the account of any contribution paying employer if the wage credits earned in this state by the individual during his base year are less than the minimum amount necessary to qualify the individual for unemployment benefits.

(c) Benefits paid to an individual filing under the provisions of chapter 50.06 RCW shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

(d) Benefits paid which represent the state's share of benefits payable under chapter 50.22 RCW shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

(e) Benefits paid to a claimant who requalifies for benefits under RCW 50.20.050 or 50.20.060 shall not be charged to the experience rating account of the contribution paying employer with whom the disqualifying separation took place.

(f) Benefits paid to an individual as the result of a determination by the commissioner that no stoppage of work exists, pursuant to RCW 50.20-.090, shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

(g) In the case of individuals identified under RCW 50.20.015, benefits paid with respect to a calendar quarter, which exceed the total amount of wages earned in the state of Washington in the higher of two corresponding calendar quarters included within the individual's determination period, as defined in RCW 50.20.015, shall not be charged to the experience rating account of any contribution paying employer.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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