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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, APRIL 11, 1994

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937
2 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of
3 unemployment compensation to be administered by the
4 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly
5 created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions)
6 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to
7 keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay
8 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the
9 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons;
10 providing procedure and administrative details for the
11 determination, payment and collection of such contributions
12 and the payment of such compensation; providing for
13 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies;
14 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State
15 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," defining "disaster";
16 and further providing for the rate of contribution payable by
17 an employer.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Sections 4 and 301.1 of the act of December 5,
21 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the
22 Unemployment Compensation Law, are amended by adding subsections
23 to read:

24 Section 4. Definitions.--The following words and phrases, as
25 used in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless the

1 context clearly requires otherwise.

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3 (h.1) "Disaster" means a fire, flooding or other physical
4 occurrence beyond the employer's control caused naturally or
5 accidentally.

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7 Section 301.1. Determination of Contribution Rate;
8 Experience Rating.--

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10 (h) The secretary or a person designated by the secretary
11 shall review the contribution rate of an employer in order to
12 reduce any increase due to a disaster which required the
13 employer to cease business operations for a period of eighteen
14 months or less.

15 Section 2. This act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1993.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.