
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1162 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, MAY 25, 2020

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MAY 25, 2020

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," in contributions from
16 employers and employees, further providing for relief from
17 charges.

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

20 Section 1. Section 302.1(a) of the act of December 5, 1936
21 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment
22 Compensation Law, is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

23 Section 302.1. Relief from Charges.--Notwithstanding any
24 other provisions of this act assigning charges for compensation
25 paid to employes, except for section 302(a)(2), the department
26 shall relieve an employer of charges for compensation in

1 accordance with this section and section 213 of this act.

2 (a) Circumstances allowing relief:

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4 (5) The duration of the proclamation of disaster emergency
5 issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B.
6 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster
7 emergency, until December 30, 2020, or the termination of the
8 disaster order, whichever is later.

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10 Section 2. The amendment of section 302.1(a) of the act
11 shall apply retroactively to any compensation paid during the
12 duration of the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the
13 Governor on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21,
14 2020), and any renewal of the state of disaster emergency.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.