

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1269 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, FONTANA AND MUTH, AUGUST 18, 2020

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, AUGUST 18, 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 emergency  
16 provisions related to COVID-19, further providing for relief  
17 from charges.

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

20 Section 1. Section 1603(d)(1) of the act of December 5, 1936  
21 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment  
22 Compensation Law, added March 27, 2020 (P.L.25, No.9), is  
23 amended to read:

24 Section 1603. Relief from charges.

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26 (d) Benefit repayment for reimbursable employers.--For any

1 employer who makes payments in lieu of contribution under this  
2 act, the following shall apply to payments for benefits for  
3 weeks of unemployment occurring during a disaster emergency  
4 declared by the Governor related to COVID-19:

5 (1) An employer who has elected to pay the solvency fee  
6 under section 213 shall receive automatic relief from charges  
7 in accordance with subsections (b) and (c). The department  
8 shall provide an employer with the option of paying the  
9 solvency fee retroactively for the current calendar year. An  
10 employer electing to pay the solvency fee retroactively for  
11 the current calendar year shall pay the solvency fee within  
12 30 days.

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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.