

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2144, L.D. 2284, Bill, "AN ACT to Set the Unemployment Insurance Contribution Rate for New Employers at the Average Contribution Rate for all Employers in the Previous Year."

Amend said Amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the Statement of Fact and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Amend said Bill by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following: 'AN ACT to Set the Unemployment Insurance Contribution Rate for Certain New Employers.'

Further amend said Bill in the 18th line/ <sup>after the enacting clause</sup> (14th line in L.D.) by striking out the word "January" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'January July' and in the 22nd and 23rd lines (17th and 18th lines in L.D.) by striking out the underlined words "as computed for the most recently computed calendar year," and inserting in place thereof the following: ', rounded to the next higher 1/10 of 1%, on the taxable wages reported by contributing employers for the preceding calendar year,'

Further amend said Bill in the 6th line from the end before the Statement of Fact (same in L.D.) by striking out the underlined figure and symbol "3.0%" and inserting in place thereof the underlined figure and symbol '5.0%'

Further amend said Bill in the last line before the Statement of Fact by inserting after the figure and punctuation "4." the following underlined sentence: 'Beginning January 1, 1976, and

with respect to each rate year thereafter, each contributing employer who is newly subject to this chapter, who has his principal place of business in this State at the time of becoming newly subject to this chapter, and who has not, within the 24-month period immediately preceding the time of becoming newly subject to this chapter, maintained a principal place of business in any other state shall pay contributions at the rate of 2% until such time as his experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year, and for rate years thereafter his contribution rate shall be determined in accordance with subsections 3 and 4.'

Statement of Fact

One of the major abuses in the unemployment compensation area has been contractors coming in from out of state and underbidding Maine contractors who are constantly subject to the unemployment compensation laws. This amendment attempts to correct this abuse without penalizing in-state employers who are newly subject to contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Act.

(Pray)  
NAME:



COUNTY: Penobscot