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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 1709

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7 H. P. 1724 Office of the Clerk of the House
8 Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
9 Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and 1,500 ordered
10 printed. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to
Joint Rule 26.

11 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
12 Presented by Representative Beaulieu of Portland.
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14 STATE OF MAINE
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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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19 AN ACT to Clarify and Make Corrections
20 in the Labor Laws of Maine.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

23 Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§10, 2nd ¶, last sentence,
24 as last amended by PL 1975, c. 39, is further amended to
25 read:

26 Subject to subsection 11, unless the claimant files an
27 appeal from such redetermination within ~~10~~ 15 calendar days
28 after such redetermination was mailed to his last known ad-
29 dress, such redetermination shall be final.

30 Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§4, ¶A, as last amended by
31 PL 1975, c. 729, is further amended to read:

1 A. The standard rate of contributions shall be 2.7%.
2 No contributing employer's rate shall be varied from
3 the standard rate, unless and until his experience
4 rating record has been chargeable with benefits
5 throughout the 36-consecutive-calendar-month period
6 ending on the computation date applicable to such year;
7 provided that with respect to the rate year beginning
8 July 1, 1972, and each rate year thereafter, the rate
9 of any contributing employer who has not been subject
10 to this chapter for a sufficient period of time to meet
11 the 36-month requirement may be varied from the stan-
12 dard rate, if there shall have been a lesser period
13 throughout which his experience rating record has been
14 chargeable with benefits, but in no case less than the
15 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the com-
16 putation date applicable to such year; provided, fur-
17 ther, that beginning July 1, 1976, and with respect to
18 each rate year thereafter, each contributing employer
19 newly subject to this chapter shall pay contributions
20 at the average contribution rate, rounded to the next
21 higher 1/10 of 1%, on the taxable wages reported by
22 contributing employers for the ~~preceding calendar year~~
23 12-month period immediately preceding the last computa-
24 tion date, provided such rate does not exceed 3.0%; and
25 not less than 1%, and until such time as his experience
26 rating record has been chargeable with benefits
27 throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period
28 ending on the computation date applicable to such year,
29 and for rate years thereafter his contribution rate
30 shall be determined in accordance with subsections 3
31 and 4.

32 Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§6, ¶C, as last amended by
33 PL 1981, c. 16, §9, is further amended to read:

34 C. Fund reserve ratio. "Fund reserve ratio" means the
35 percentage obtained by dividing the net balance avail-
36 able for benefit payments as of September 30th of each
37 calendar year divided by the total wages for the pre-
38 ceding calendar year.

39 STATEMENT OF FACT

40 Section 1 provides consistent appeal periods for deter-
41 minations and redeterminations under the Employment Security
42 Law.

1 Section 2 changes the period used to determine the
2 average contribution rate for newly subject employers,
3 necessitated by the change in computation date as enacted by
4 Public Law 1981, chapter 16.

5 Section 3 defines "fund reserve ratio" as a percentage
6 for computing contribution rates.

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