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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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~~I hereby certify that I have received from claimant, the tail of the bobcat described in the foregoing certificate~~

~~For Inland Fish and Game Commissioner~~

~~Note Claim for the bounty must be made within 10 days after the killing of the animal~~

~~Upon receipt by the State Controller of a certificate from the commissioner showing that said commissioner has received the tail of the bobcat from the claimant, said controller shall audit the claim for bounty and the same shall be paid forthwith by the Treasurer of State to the claimant from fines and penalties recovered and money received or collected under any provision of the inland fish and game laws or amendments thereof, or for sale of any seized or confiscated articles. After the foregoing funds have been exhausted, any further bounties shall be paid from the revenues of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.~~

~~Sec. 28-A. R. S., T. 12, § 2557-A, repealed. Section 2557-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 104 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed.~~

~~Sec. 29. Resolves, 1973, c. 17, repealed and replaced. Chapter 17 of the resolves of 1973 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:~~

~~Richard E. Varney Seaplane Base; designated. Resolved: That in recognition of the outstanding and unselfish service of Richard E. Varney to the Winthrop area and the State of Maine, the seaplane base located on Lake Maranacook, Winthrop, be named the "Richard E. Varney Seaplane Base" and that an appropriate plaque designating the name of the base be erected and maintained by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game at such location as the department shall elect.~~

~~Sec. 30. Effective date. Section 29 of this Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.~~

~~Effective October 3, 1973 except as otherwise indicated~~

CHAPTER 563

AN ACT to Amend the Benefit Financing Provisions of the Employment Security Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, § 1221, sub-§ 4, amended. The first paragraph of subsection 4 of section 1221 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The commission shall compute annually contribution rates for each employer based on his own experience rating record and shall designate a contribution rate schedule.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 26, § 1221, sub-§ 4, ¶¶ B and C, repealed and replaced. Paragraphs B and C of subsection 4 of section 1221 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by sections 39 and 40 of chapter 538 of the public laws of 1971, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

B. Subject to paragraph A, each employer's contribution rate for the 12-month period commencing July 1st of each year shall be based upon his experience rating record and determined from his reserve ratio, which is the percent obtained by dividing the amount by which, if any, his contributions credited from the time he first or most recently became an employer, whichever date is later, and up to and including December 31st of the preceding year, including any part of his contributions due for that year payable on or before January 31st of the current year, exceed his benefits charged during the same period, by his average annual payroll for the 36-consecutive-month period ending December 31st of the preceding year. His contribution rate is the percent shown on the line of the following table on which in column A there is indicated his reserve ratio and under the schedule within which the reserve multiple falls as of May 31st of each year. The following table will apply for each 12-month period commencing July 1st of each year as determined by paragraph C.

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE IN PERCENT OF WAGES

Employer Reserve Ratio	When Reserve Multiple is:								
	Equal to or more than Column A	Less than	over 2.50	2.37- 2.50	2.23- 2.36	2.09- 2.22	1.95- 2.08	1.81- 1.94	1.67- 1.80
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
19.0% and over		0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%
18.0% 19.0%		0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%
17.0% 18.0%		0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%
16.0% 17.0%		0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%
15.0% 16.0%		0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%
14.0% 15.0%		1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%
13.0% 14.0%		1.1%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%

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12.0%	13.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%
11.0%	12.0%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%
10.0%	11.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%
9.0%	10.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%
8.0%	9.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%
7.0%	8.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%
6.0%	7.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%
5.0%	6.0%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%
4.0%	5.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%
3.0%	4.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%
2.0%	3.0%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%
1.0%	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%
.0%	1.0%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%
Negative balance		3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%

EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE IN PERCENT OF WAGES

Employer Reserve Ratio	When Reserve Multiple is:								
	Equal to or more than Column A	1.39- 1.52	1.25- 1.38	1.11- 1.24	.97- 1.10	.83- .96	.68- .82	.45- .67	under .45
	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	
19.0% and over	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.4%	
18.0%	19.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%
17.0%	18.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.6%
16.0%	17.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.7%
15.0%	16.0%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.8%
14.0%	15.0%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.9%

13.0%	14.0%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	3.0%
12.0%	13.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	3.1%
11.0%	12.0%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	3.2%
10.0%	11.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%
9.0%	10.0%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.4%
8.0%	9.0%	2.4%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.5%
7.0%	8.0%	2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.6%
6.0%	7.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.7%
5.0%	6.0%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.8%
4.0%	5.0%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.9%
3.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%
2.0%	3.0%	3.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	4.3%
1.0%	2.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%
.0%	1.0%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.7%
Negative balance		3.9%	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	5.0%

C. To designate the contribution rate schedule to be effective for a rate year, a reserve multiple shall be determined. The reserve multiple shall be determined by dividing the fund reserve ratio by the composite cost rate. The determination date shall be May 31st of each calendar year, and the schedule of contribution rates to apply for the 12-month period commencing July 1st, shall be as determined by this reserve multiple.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 26, § 1221, sub-§ 6, repealed and replaced. Subsection 6 of section 1221 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

6. Definitions. The following words, as used in this section, shall have the following meanings, unless the context already requires otherwise:

A. Computation date. "Computation date" shall be December 31st of each calendar year, and the reserve ratio of each employer entitled to this section shall be determined by the commission as of that date.

B. Effective date. "Effective date" shall be the date on which the new rates shall become effective and shall be July 1st of each calendar year.

C. Fund reserve ratio. "Fund reserve ratio" means the net balance available for benefit payments as of May 31st of each calendar year divided by the total wages for the preceding calendar year.

D. Cost rate. "Cost rate" means the percentage obtained by dividing net benefits paid for a calendar year by the total wages for the same period.

E. Net balance available for benefit payments. "Net balance available for payments" means the sum of the balance in the trust fund, the benefit fund, and the clearing account after adjustment for outstanding checks, and adjustment for funds in transit between either of said funds or said account.

F. Rate year. "Rate year" shall be the 12-month period commencing July 1st of each year.

G. Reserve multiple. "Reserve multiple" is a measure of the fund reserve which expresses the current fund reserve ratio as a multiple of the composite cost rate. The reserve multiple shall be rounded to two decimal places.

H. Total wages. "Total wages" means the aggregate total wages paid in Maine for a calendar year in covered employment by contributing employers, as reported on employer contribution reports.

I. Composite Cost Rate. "Composite Cost Rate" means the arithmetic average of the annual cost rates for the last 15 completed calendar years multiplied by a factor of 1.95; either the resulting composite rate shall apply for the reserve multiple calculation or the rate of 2.20 whichever is greater; but in no case will a composite cost rate higher than 2.83 apply.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 26, § 1221, sub-§ 8, repealed. Subsection 8 of section 1221 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act shall become effective December 31, 1973 for the purpose of establishing employer contribution rates for the rate year commencing July 1, 1974. For all other purposes this Act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

Effective December 31, 1973 except as otherwise indicated

CHAPTER 564

AN ACT to Extend the Deadline for Mandatory Shoreland Zoning.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature has determined that it is in the public interest to encourage municipalities to zone land areas within 250 feet of a body of water; and

Whereas, the effective date for carrying out this public purpose is June 30, 1973; and