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CHAPTER 547

H.P. 1724 - L.D. 1709

AN ACT to Clarify and Make Corrections in the Labor Laws of Maine.

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

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

Subject to subsection 11, unless the claimant files an appeal from such redetermination within 10 15 calendar days after such redetermination was mailed to his last known address, such redetermination shall be final.

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

The standard rate of contributions shall be 2.7%. Α. No contributing employer's rate shall be varied from the standard rate, unless and until his experience rating has been chargeable with benefits record 36-consecutive-calendar-month throughout the period ending on the computation date applicable to such year; provided that with respect to the rate year beginning July 1, 1972, and each rate year thereafter, the rate of any contributing employer who has not been subject to this chapter for a sufficient period of time to meet the 36-month requirement may be varied from the standard rate, if there shall have been a lesser period throughout which his experience rating record has been chargeable with benefits, but in no case less than the 24-consecutive-calendar-month period ending on the computation date applicable to such year; provided, further, that beginning July 1, 1976, and with respect to each rate year thereafter, each contributing employer newly subject to this chapter shall pay contributions at the average contribution rate, rounded to the next higher 1/10 of 1%, on the taxable wages reported by contributing employers for the preceding calendar year 12-month period immediately preceding the last computation date, provided such rate does not exceed 3.0%; and not less than 1%, and until such time as his experience rating record has been chargeable with throughout the 24-consecutive-calendar-month chargeable with benefits 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.

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

C. Fund reserve ratio. "Fund reserve ratio" means the percentage obtained by dividing the net balance available for benefit payments as of September 30th of each calendar year divided by the total wages for the preceding calendar year.

Effective July 13, 1982.

CHAPTER 548

H.P. 1753 - L.D. 1743

AN ACT to Amend the Employment Security Law to Include Federal Requirements and Other Options Available to the State.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Child support obligations deducted and withheld from benefits. Child support obligations shall be deducted and withheld from benefits as follows.

A. An individual filing a new claim for unemployment compensation on and after October 1, 1982, shall, at the time of filing the claim, disclose whether or not the individual owes child support obligations as defined under paragraph G. If any such individual discloses that he owes child support obligations, and is determined to be eligible for unemployment compensation, the commissioner shall notify the state or local child support enforcement agency enforcing the obligation that the individual has been determined to be eligible for unemployment compensation.