

House Bill 1326

By: Representatives Coan of the 101st, Williams of the 4th, Butler of the 18th, Carter of the 159th, Cox of the 102nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 34-8-156 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 State-wide Reserve Ratio for unemployment compensation, so as to change certain
3 provisions regarding adjustment in contribution rates; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 34-8-156 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State-wide
8 Reserve Ratio for workers' compensation, is amended by striking in its entirety subparagraph
9 (d)(4)(B) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "(B) Except for any year or portion of a year during which the provisions of paragraph
11 (1) of subsection (f) of Code Section 34-8-155 apply, when the State-wide Reserve
12 Ratio, as calculated above, is less than 1.7 percent, there shall be an overall increase in
13 the rate, as of the computation date, for each employer whose rate is computed under
14 a rate table in Code Section 34-8-155 in accordance with the following table:

15 If the State-wide Reserve Ratio:

16	Equals or	But Is	Overall
17	Exceeds	Less Than	Increase
18	1.5 percent	1.7 percent	25 percent
19	1.25 percent	1.5 percent	50 percent
20	0.75 percent	1.25 percent	75 percent
21	Under 0.75 percent		100 percent

22 provided, however, that for the ~~period~~ periods of January 1 through December 31, ~~2006~~
23 2004; January 1 through December 31, 2005; and January 1 through December 31,
24 2006, the overall increase in the rate required under this subparagraph shall be
25 suspended and the provisions of this subparagraph shall be null and void, except in the

1 event the State-wide Reserve Ratio, as calculated above, is less than 1.00 percent on the
2 computation date with respect to rates applicable to calendar year 2004, 2005, or 2006,
3 then for each such year the Commissioner of Labor shall have the option of imposing
4 an increase in the overall rate of up to 35 percent, as of the computation date, for each
5 employer whose rate is computed under a rate table in Code Section 34-8-155; and
6 provided, further, that for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2007, the
7 overall increase in the rate required under this subparagraph shall be suspended and the
8 provisions of this subparagraph shall be null and void, except in the event the
9 State-wide Reserve Ratio, as calculated above, is less than 1.25 percent on the
10 computation date with respect to rates applicable to calendar year 2007, then the
11 Commissioner of Labor shall have the option of imposing an increase in the overall rate
12 of up to 35 percent, as of the computation date, for each employer whose rate is
13 computed under a rate table in Code Section 34-8-155."

14 SECTION 2.

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.