

House Bill 292

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 employment security, so as to extend certain contribution rates and credits; to change certain
3 provisions relating to benefit experience; to continue provisions relating to administrative
4 assessments; to extend the provision relating to automatic repeal; to provide for related
5 matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 8 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to employment
9 security, is amended by revising Code Section 34-8-151, relating to the rate of employer
10 contributions, as follows:

11 "34-8-151.

12 (a) For periods prior to April 1, 1987, or after December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016, each new or
13 newly covered employer shall pay contributions at a rate of 2.7 percent of wages paid by
14 such employer with respect to employment during each calendar year until the employer
15 is eligible for a rate calculation based on experience as defined in this chapter, except as
16 provided in Code Sections 34-8-158 through 34-8-162.

17 (b) For periods on or after April 1, 1987, but on or before December 31, 1999, each new
18 or newly covered employer shall pay contributions at a rate of 2.64 percent of wages paid
19 by such employer with respect to employment during each calendar year until the employer
20 is eligible for a rate calculation based on experience as defined in this chapter, except as
21 provided in Code Sections 34-8-158 through 34-8-162.

22 (c) For periods on or after January 1, 2000, but on or before December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016,
23 each new or newly covered employer shall pay contributions at a rate of 2.62 percent of
24 wages paid by such employer with respect to employment during each calendar year until
25 the employer is eligible for a rate calculation based on experience as defined in this

26 chapter, except as provided in Code Sections 34-8-158, ~~34-8-159, 34-8-160, 34-8-161, and~~
 27 through 34-8-162."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 Said chapter is further amended by revising the introductory language to subsections (c) and
 30 (e) of Code Section 34-8-155, relating to benefit experience, as follows:

31 "(c) For the periods prior to April 1, 1987, or after December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016, variations
 32 from the standard rate of contributions shall be determined in accordance with the
 33 following requirements:"

34 "(e) For the periods on or after January 1, 2000, but on or before December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016,
 35 variations from the standard rate of contributions shall be determined in accordance with
 36 the following requirements:"

37 **SECTION 3.**

38 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 34-8-180, relating
 39 to an administrative assessment on all wages, as follows:

40 "(b) For the periods on or after January 1, 2000, but on or before December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016,
 41 there is created an administrative assessment of 0.08 percent to be assessed upon all wages
 42 as defined in Code Section 34-8-49, except the wages of:

43 (1) Those employers who have elected to make payments in lieu of contributions as
 44 provided by Code Section 34-8-158 or who are liable for the payment of contributions
 45 as provided in said Code section; or

46 (2) Those employers who, by application of the State-wide Reserve Ratio as provided
 47 in Code Section 34-8-156, have been assigned the minimum positive reserve rate or the
 48 maximum deficit reserve rate."

49 **SECTION 4.**

50 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (b) of Code Section 34-8-181, relating
 51 to an additional administrative assessment for new or newly covered employers, as follows:

52 "(b) For the periods on or after January 1, 2000, but on or before December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016,
 53 in addition to the rate paid under Code Section 34-8-151, each new or newly covered
 54 employer shall pay an administrative assessment of 0.08 percent of wages payable by it
 55 with respect to employment during each calendar year until it is eligible for a rate
 56 calculation based on experience as defined in this chapter, except as provided in Code
 57 Section 34-8-158."

58 **SECTION 5.**

59 Said chapter is further amended by revising Code Section 34-8-185, relating to the automatic
60 repeal of Article 6, as follows:

61 "34-8-185.

62 This article shall stand repealed in its entirety on December 31, ~~2011~~ 2016."

63 **SECTION 6.**

64 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
65 without such approval.

66 **SECTION 7.**

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