

CHAPTER 72

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

H. F. 261

AN ACT to amend chapter ninety-six (96), Code 1954, as amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, relating to the manner of computing employers' tax rates and charging benefits paid to employers' reserve accounts, and defining the term "computation date" and redefining the terms "annual payroll" and "average annual payroll."

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section ninety-six point three (96.3), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 striking therefrom subsection five (5) and inserting in lieu thereof
4 the following:

5 "The maximum total amount of benefits payable to any eligible in-
6 dividual during any benefit year shall not exceed the total of the wage
7 credits accrued to his account during his base period, or twenty-four
8 times his weekly benefit amount, whichever is the lesser. The commis-
9 sion shall maintain a separate account for each individual who earns
10 wages in insured work. After the expiration of each calendar quar-
11 ter, the commission shall compute wage credits for each individual by
12 crediting his account with one-third of the wages for insured work
13 paid him during such quarter, or two hundred dollars (\$200.00),
14 whichever is the lesser. Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall
15 be charged against the base period wage credits in his account which
16 have not previously been charged hereunder, in the same chronological
17 order as the wages on which such wage credits are based were paid."

1 SEC. 2. Section ninety-six point seven (96.7), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 striking therefrom subparagraph three (3) of paragraph "a" of sub-
4 section three (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "The amount of benefits so charged in any calendar quarter against
6 the account of any employer shall not exceed the amount of such in-
7 dividual's wage credits based on employment with such employer
8 during such quarter."

1 SEC. 3. Section ninety-six point seven (96.7), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 striking therefrom subparagraph seven (7), of paragraph "a" of sub-
4 section three (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "Any employer may at any time make voluntary payments to his
6 account in excess of the other requirements of this chapter, and all
7 such payments shall be considered on any computation date as contri-
8 butions required under the provisions of this chapter if they are paid
9 by the employer not later than thirty days after such computation
10 date."

1 SEC. 4. Section ninety-six point seven (96.7), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 striking therefrom paragraph "c" of subsection three (3) and insert-
4 ing in lieu thereof the following:

5 "Each employer's rate of contribution shall be two and seven-tenths

6 percent except as otherwise provided in this chapter. No reduced rate
7 of contribution shall be granted to such employer until there shall
8 have been twelve consecutive calendar quarters immediately preced-
9 ing the computation date throughout which his account has been
10 chargeable with benefit payments."

1 SEC. 5. Section ninety-six point seven (96.7), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 striking therefrom the first unnumbered subparagraph of paragraph
4 "d" of subsection three (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the follow-
5 ing:

6 "Each employer's rate for each calendar year after December 31,
7 1956, shall be determined on the basis of his record and the record of
8 the predecessor owner of such enterprise, if any, up to the computation
9 date for such year. If, on the computation date, the total of all con-
10 tributions paid to an employer's account for all past periods to and
11 including those for the quarter ending September 30 immediately
12 preceding the computation date exceeds the total benefits charged to
13 such account for all past periods to and including those for the quar-
14 ter ending September 30 immediately preceding the computation date,
15 such employer's contribution rate shall be:".

1 SEC. 6. Section ninety-six point nineteen (96.19), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 striking therefrom paragraph* one (1), including subparagraphs "a"
4 and "b," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "The term 'annual payroll,' as used in subsection 3-d of section
6 ninety-six point seven (96.7) means the total amount of taxable
7 wages paid by an employer for insured work during the period of four
8 consecutive calendar quarters ending on September 30 of each year,
9 and the term 'average annual payroll' as used in said subsection means
10 the average of the 'annual payrolls' of an employer for the last three
11 periods of four consecutive calendar quarters immediately preceding
12 the computation date."

1 SEC. 7. Section ninety-six point nineteen (96.19), Code 1954, as
2 amended by the Fifty-sixth General Assembly, is hereby amended by
3 adding a new paragraph* to read as follows:

4 "'Computation date.' The computation date for contribution rates
5 shall be October 1 of that calendar year preceding the calendar year
6 with respect to which such rates are to be effective."

1 SEC. 8. This Act, deemed of immediate importance, shall take
2 effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication
3 in the West Liberty Index, a newspaper published at West Liberty,
4 Iowa, and in The Tipton Advertiser, a newspaper published at Tipton,
5 Iowa.

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*"Subsection" probably intended.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 261, was published in the West Liberty Index, West Liberty, Iowa, March 21, 1957, and in The Tipton Advertiser, Tipton, Iowa, March 21, 1957.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*