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H.B. No. 509

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting of wages and payment of contributions by certain employers of domestic service workers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 201.027(e), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) An [With respect to an] employer who makes a good faith effort to report [reports] wages and pay [pays] contributions [annually] under this section is exempt from payment of:

(1) interest under Section 213.021 or 213.025;

(2) a penalty under Section 213.023 or 213.024;

(3) the collection of a penalty or interest under Subchapter C, Chapter 213; and

(4) the expenses of an audit under Section 213.055[~~any penalty or interest imposed on the employer shall be computed in the same manner as for other types of employment].~~

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an enforcement proceeding commenced by the Texas Workforce Commission against an employer on or after the effective date of this Act. A proceeding commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the proceeding was commenced, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.