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H.B. No. 3159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the ceiling of the unemployment compensation fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section 204.001, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 204.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Manual" means the North American Industrial Classification System Manual published by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

(2) "Covered Wages" means taxable wages divided by \$9,000.00 multiplied by average weekly wages multiplied by 52 weeks in a year.

SECTION 2. Section 204.061, Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 204.061. CEILING AND FLOOR OF COMPENSATION FUND. In computing the tax rates under this subchapter:

(1) the ceiling of the compensation fund is one [~~two~~] percent of the total covered [~~taxable~~] wages for the four calendar quarters ending the preceding June 30; and

(2) the floor of the compensation fund is equal to the greater of:

(A) \$400 million; or

(B) one percent of the total taxable wages for the four calendar quarters ending the preceding June 30.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.