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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the computation of the unemployment tax rate paid by certain employers; making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 204, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 204.0071 to read as follows:

Sec. 204.0071.  SPECIAL RATE; CERTAIN EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN SERVICE AND ENTERTAINMENT. (a)  This section applies only to an employer identified by the commission as classified in the manual as:

(1)  Number 711130, musical groups and artists;

(2)  Number 711310, promoters of performing arts, sports, and similar events with facilities;

(3)  Number 711320, promoters of performing arts, sports, and similar events without facilities;

(4)  Number 722410, drinking places (alcoholic beverages);

(5)  Number 722511, full-service restaurants; or

(6)  Number 722513, limited-service restaurants.

(b)  Notwithstanding any other law, an employer subject to this section shall pay a contribution under this chapter at a tax rate that is not more than the tax rate computed as of October 1, 2020, and is not required to pay a replenishment tax.

(c)  This section expires September 1, 2023.

SECTION 2.  The amount of $70 million is appropriated from the economic stabilization fund to the comptroller for the purpose of transferring that amount immediately to the credit of the unemployment compensation fund established under Section 203.021, Labor Code.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect only if this Act is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members present in each house of the legislature, as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.