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S.B. No. 1726

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.

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

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

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