K2 EMERGENCY BILL 1lr0488

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AN ACT concerning

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Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

9	Unemployment Insurance – Earned Rating Record – Waiver of Benefit Charges
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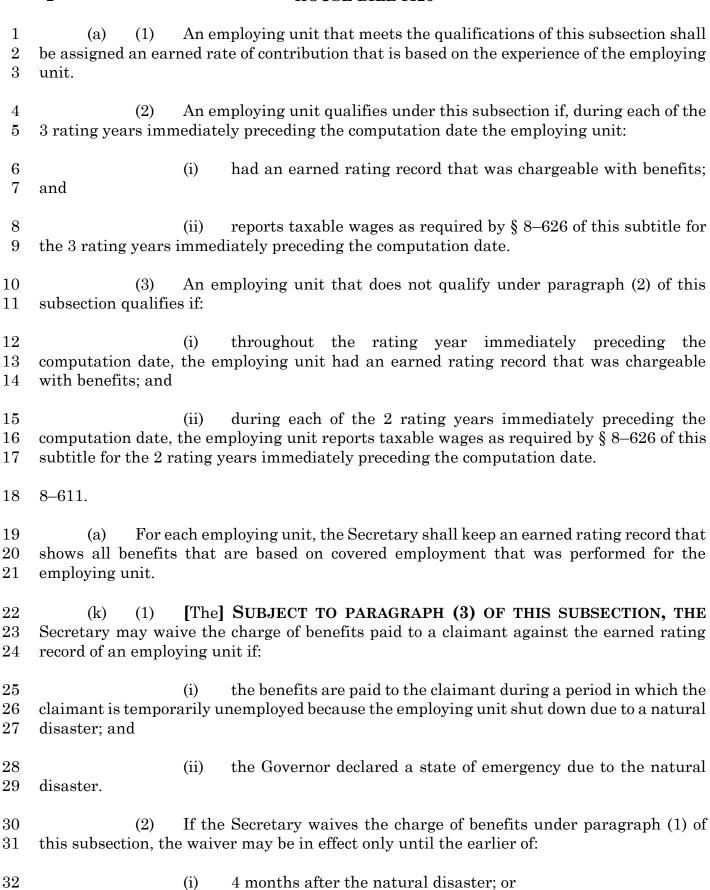
3 Due to COVID-19

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of 5 unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant against the earned rating 6 record of an employing unit during a state of emergency declared by the Governor 7 due to COVID-19 under certain circumstances; providing that the required waiver 8 of benefit charges is in effect only until the earlier of a certain number of months 9 after a certain state of emergency has ended or the date the employing unit hires a certain workforce; providing for the termination of this Act; making this Act an 10 11 emergency measure; and generally relating to unemployment insurance.

- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Labor and Employment
- 14 Section 8–610(a) and 8–611(a)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 18 Article Labor and Employment
- 19 Section 8–611(k)
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
 - Article Labor and Employment
- 25 8–610.

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- 4 1. THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED A STATE OF 5 EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19; AND
- 2. THE UNEMPLOYMENT IS CAUSED BY A SHUTDOWN OF THE EMPLOYING UNIT DUE TO AN OFFICIAL ORDER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SHUTDOWN IS MANDATED OR DUE TO ECONOMIC HARDSHIP CAUSED BY THE ORDER.
- 9 (II) A WAIVER OF THE CHARGE OF BENEFITS UNDER 10 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE IN EFFECT ONLY UNTIL THE 11 EARLIER OF:
- 12 4 MONTHS AFTER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS 13 ENDED; OR
- 2. THE DATE THE EMPLOYING UNIT HIRES A MAJORITY OF THE WORKFORCE THAT IT NEEDS TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS.

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21 22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three—fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through May 31, 2026, and, at the end of May 31, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.