## SENATE BILL 64

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By: Senator Salling

Requested: October 16, 2020

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

AN ACT concerning

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of 4 5 unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant during the state of emergency 6 declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic against the earned rating 7 record of an employing unit; specifying the circumstances under which the required 8 waiver of benefit charges is no longer in effect; providing for the termination of this 9 Act; and generally relating to the earned rating records of employers under the 10 unemployment insurance law.

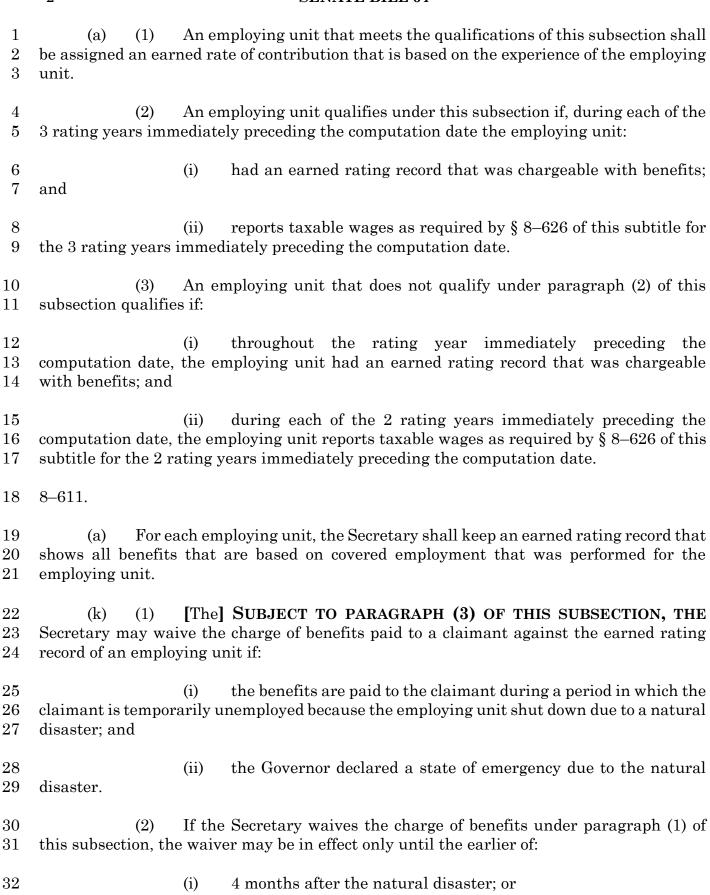
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 12 Article – Labor and Employment
- 13 Section 8–610(a) and 8–611(a)
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 17 Article – Labor and Employment
- 18 Section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

## Article – Labor and Employment

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- 5 (II) WAIVER OF THE CHARGE OF BENEFITS UNDER 6 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE IN EFFECT ONLY UNTIL THE 7 EARLIER OF:
- 8 1. 4 MONTHS AFTER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS 9 ENDED; OR
- 2. THE DATE THE EMPLOYING UNIT HIRES A MAJORITY
  11 OF THE WORKFORCE THAT IT NEEDS TO RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021. It shall remain in effect until the date that is 1 year from the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic ends under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article and, at the end of that period, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.