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**By: Delegate Schade**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Unemployment Insurance - Contributions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that regulations adopted by the Secretary of Labor,  
4 Licensing, and Regulation allow certain employing units to pay an estimated  
5 contribution for a calendar year; specifying the amount of the estimated  
6 contribution; providing for the manner of payment and adjustment of the estimated  
7 contribution; and generally relating to payment of unemployment insurance  
8 contributions by employing units.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Labor and Employment  
11 Section 8-607(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1991 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Labor and Employment**

17 8-607.

18 (d) (1) [By regulation,] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,  
19 the Secretary BY REGULATION shall set:

20 (i) the date when contributions are due; and

21 (ii) the manner in which contributions are to be paid.

22 (2) (I) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED SHALL ALLOW AN EMPLOYING  
23 UNIT WITH 25 OR FEWER FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES TO PAY AN  
24 ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION FOR THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR IN AN AMOUNT  
25 EQUAL TO THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PAID BY THE EMPLOYING UNIT FOR THE  
26 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

27 (II) THE ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE PAYABLE IN 4  
28 EQUAL QUARTERLY PAYMENTS.

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1 (III) AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, THE ACTUAL AMOUNT  
2 OF THE CONTRIBUTION OWED BY THE EMPLOYING UNIT SHALL BE CALCULATED  
3 AND THE EMPLOYING UNIT SHALL:

- 4 1. PAY ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION OWED; OR  
5 2. RECEIVE A REFUND IF AN OVERPAYMENT OCCURRED.

6 [(2)] (3) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Secretary, an  
7 employing unit shall:

- 8 (i) submit to the Secretary periodic reports for determination of the  
9 amount of contributions due; and  
10 (ii) pay the contribution.

11 [(3)] (4) For payment of contributions, a fractional part of a cent:

- 12 (i) that is less than one-half cent shall be disregarded; and  
13 (ii) that is one-half cent or more shall be increased to 1 cent.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 1996.