

BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 696

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “insurance” insert “; providing for the application of this Act; allowing certain wages that are paid for work that an individual engaged in the trade or business of delivering or distributing newspapers or shopping news performed through a certain date to be used in determining monetary eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits; and generally relating to direct sellers under the unemployment insurance law”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “ENGAGED” in line 19 down through “SECTION” in line 25 and substitute:

“PERFORMS IS NOT COVERED EMPLOYMENT, IF THE SECRETARY IS SATISFIED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL:

(1) IS ENGAGED IN THE TRADE OR BUSINESS OF DELIVERING OR DISTRIBUTING NEWSPAPERS OR SHOPPING NEWS, INCLUDING ANY SERVICES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DELIVERY OR DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSPAPERS OR SHOPPING NEWS; AND

(2) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A DIRECT SELLER UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(2), (3), AND (4) OF THIS SECTION”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 8-206(c) of the Labor and Employment Article as enacted by this Act shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect all determinations by the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation of:

(Over)

(1) rates of contributions for employing units for all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 1996; and (2) benefit charges for unemployment insurance claims for benefits based on work performed on or after January 1, 1996. Wages that are paid for work that an individual engaged in the trade or business of delivering or distributing newspapers or shopping news performed through September 30, 1997 which meet the requirements for a direct seller under the Labor and Employment Article may be used in determining monetary eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits.”;

in line 16, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.