

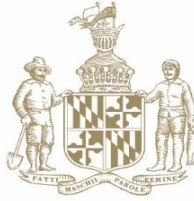
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HB1105, Unemployment Insurance – Earned Rating Record – Charging of Benefits.

I am pleased to present you with HB1105. I know that there are several bill iterations seeking to relieve the employer of increases in the earned rating record due to the pandemic. Some of them are specific in time to the pandemic and some are specific to the pandemic itself.

This bill specifies that the Secretary shall not charge benefits paid to a claimant against the rate of an employer for ANY business cessation caused by the Governor, a chief executive, or governing body of a county, municipality or instrumentality of the State. It is not specific in time or specific to the pandemic.

Employers are deserving of relief in regards to this issue and I ask that you look favorably upon this bill or others that provide permanent unemployment rate relief both now and into the future for forced employee layoffs.

Thank you.