For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE TAXABLE WAGE BASE UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE TAXABLE WAGE BASE UNDER THE
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-10-215(a)(2)(A)(i), concerning the
taxable wage base, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
follows:

(d) For a calendar year beginning after December 31, 2019:

(1) Except as provided under subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i)(d)(2) and subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i)(d)(3), if the average seasonal unadjusted insured unemployment rate, as reported by the United States Department of Labor, for completed weeks during the period of July 1 through June 30 of the most recently completed state fiscal year is:

(A) Zero percent (0%) to one percent (1%), then that part of remuneration that exceeds seven thousand dollars ($7,000), unless that part of the remuneration is subject to a tax under a federal law imposing the tax and against which credit may be taken.
for contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund is
increased then the new federal taxable wage base shall be the new minimum
amount under this subsection;

(B) One and one hundredths of a
percent (1.01%) to one and forty-nine hundredths of a percent (1.49%), then
that part of remuneration that exceeds eight thousand dollars ($8,000),
unless, under a federal law imposing the tax and against which credit may be
taken for contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund is
increased, then that part of remuneration that is one thousand dollars
($1,000) greater than the minimum amount under subdivision
(a)(2)(A)(i)(d)(1)(A) of this section;

(C) One and one-half percent
(1.5%) to two and nineteen hundredths of a percent (2.19%), then that part of
remuneration that exceeds nine thousand dollars ($9,000), unless under a
federal law imposing the tax and against which credit may be taken for
contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund is
increased, then that part of remuneration that is two thousand dollars
($2,000) greater than the minimum amount under subdivision
(a)(2)(A)(i)(d)(1)(A) of this section; or

(D) Two and twenty hundredths of a
percent (2.20%) or greater, then that part of remuneration that exceeds ten
thousand dollars ($10,000) unless under a federal law imposing the tax and
against which credit may be taken for contributions required to be paid into
a state unemployment fund is increased, then that part of remuneration that
is three thousand dollars ($3,000) greater than the minimum amount under
subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i)(d)(1)(A) of this section;

(2) If during the period of July 1
through June 30 of the most recently completed state fiscal year,
disbursements from the unemployment insurance trust fund exceed two hundred
million dollars ($200,000,000) and the balance of the unemployment insurance
trust fund is less than six hundred million dollars ($600,000,000), then that
part of remuneration that exceeds eleven thousand dollars ($11,000); or

(3) If during the period of July 1
through June 30 of the most recently completed state fiscal year,
disbursements from the unemployment insurance trust fund exceed two hundred
and fifty million dollars ($250,000,000) and the balance of the unemployment
insurance trust fund is less than four hundred million dollars ($400,000,000), then that part of remuneration that exceeds twelve thousand dollars ($12,000).

/s/K. Hammer

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