## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1319 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, SCAVELLO, LANGERHOLC AND BARTOLOTTA, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

## AN ACT

Amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), entitled "An act establishing a system of 2 unemployment compensation to be administered by the 3 Department of Labor and Industry and its existing and newly created agencies with personnel (with certain exceptions) 5 selected on a civil service basis; requiring employers to keep records and make reports, and certain employers to pay 6 7 contributions based on payrolls to provide moneys for the 8 payment of compensation to certain unemployed persons; 9 10 providing procedure and administrative details for the determination, payment and collection of such contributions 11 and the payment of such compensation; providing for 12 cooperation with the Federal Government and its agencies; 13 creating certain special funds in the custody of the State 14 Treasurer; and prescribing penalties," in contributions by 15 employers and employees, further providing for determination 16 and contribution rate and experience rating. 17 18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 19 hereby enacts as follows: 20 Section 1. Section 301.1(b) of the act of December 5, 1936 21 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment 22 Compensation Law, is amended by adding a paragraph to read: 23 Section 301.1. Determination of Contribution Rate; 24 Experience Rating. --25

- 1 (b) \* \* \*
- 2 (1.1) An employer shall be deemed to have paid contributions
- 3 for the purpose of meeting the requirements under this section
- 4 <u>during quarters occurring under a disaster emergency declared by</u>
- 5 the Governor under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c) (relating to general
- 6 <u>authority of Governor) for COVID-19, even if no contributions</u>
- 7 were actually paid.
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- 9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.