AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to prohibiting the inclusion of claims for unemployment insurance arising from the closure of an employer due to COVID-19 from being included in such employer's experience rating charges

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 581 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 7 to read as follows:

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all employers whose employees receive payments under this article and whose claims for unemployment insurance arise due to the closure of an employer for a reason related to novel coronavirus, COVID-19, or due to a mandatory order of a government entity duly authorized to issue such order to close such employer, on or after March twelfth, two thousand twenty shall not have included in their experience rating charges the amounts so paid on account.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [−] is old law to be omitted.

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