AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to excluding claims for unemployment insurance arising as a result of an employer closing his or her business because of novel coronavirus COVID-19, from an 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, any employer whose employees receive payments under this article and whose claims for unemployment insurance arise as a result of the closure of an employer for any reason related to novel coronavirus, COVID-19, or as a result of a mandatory order of a government entity to close such employer, 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.