STATE OF NEW YORK

1363

2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 11, 2023

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to providing that non-profit organization, certain governmental entities and certain Indian tribes which are liable for unemployment insurance payments in lieu of contributions shall only be liable for fifty percent of payments for benefits to claimants that were a result of the closure of such employer or a reduction in the workforce of the employer for reasons related to COVID-19

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

Section 1. Section 563 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, a non-profit organization which is liable for payments in lieu of contributions shall only be liable for fifty percent of payments for benefits to claimants that were a result of the closure of such employer or a reduction in the workforce of the employer for reasons 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.

§ 2. Section 565 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. COVID-19 closure or reduction. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, a governmental entity which is liable for payments in lieu of contributions shall only be liable for fifty percent of payments for benefits to claimants that were a result of the closure of such employer or a reduction in the workforce of the employer for reasons 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.

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

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§ 3. Section 566 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. COVID-19 closure or reduction. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the contrary, an Indian tribe which is liable for payments in lieu of contributions shall only be liable for fifty percent of payments for benefits to claimants that were a result of the closure of such employer or a reduction in the workforce of the employer for reasons 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.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.