

# SENATE, No. 2504

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**SYNOPSIS**

Excludes unemployment benefits paid during coronavirus pandemic state of emergency from calculation of employer unemployment contributions and payments in lieu of contributions.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning employer contributions to the unemployment  
2 compensation fund and payments in lieu of contributions and  
3 supplementing Title 43 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The costs of any unemployment compensation benefits  
9 paid during the public health emergency and state of emergency  
10 declared by the Governor on March 9, 2020, and any subsequent  
11 extensions of that public health emergency and state of emergency  
12 shall not be considered when calculating employer contributions to  
13 the State unemployment compensation fund pursuant to R.S.43:21-  
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15 b. A nonprofit organization which elects to make payments in  
16 lieu of contributions pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1971, c.346  
17 (C.43:21-7.2) or a governmental entity or instrumentality which  
18 elects to make payments in lieu of contributions pursuant to section  
19 4 of P.L.1971, c.346 (C.43:21-7.3), shall not be liable for payments  
20 in lieu of contributions with respect to payments of unemployment  
21 compensation benefits made during the public health emergency  
22 and state of emergency declared by the Governor on March 9, 2020,  
23 and any subsequent extensions of that public health emergency and  
24 state of emergency.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill excludes from the calculation of employer contributions  
32 to the State unemployment compensation fund any unemployment  
33 benefits paid during the public health emergency and state of  
34 emergency declared by the Governor on March 9, 2020, and any  
35 subsequent extensions of that public health emergency and state of  
36 emergency. It also exempts nonprofit organizations and  
37 governmental entities or instrumentalities which elect to make  
38 payments in lieu of contributions from liability for payments in lieu  
39 of contributions with respect to payments of unemployment benefits  
40 made during that public health emergency and state of emergency  
41 and any extensions of that public health emergency and state of  
42 emergency.