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	A BILL FOR AN ACT
101	CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SOLVENCY REFORM, AND,
102	IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ENACTING MEASURES TO ENHANCE
103	THE SOLVENCY OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND,
104	AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

The bill makes the following changes to the financing of the unemployment compensation system:

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- ! Increases the taxable wage base from the first \$10,000 to the first \$11,000 in calendar year 2012. Beginning in the first year after solvency of the unemployment compensation system, estimated to be 2014, the taxable wage base will be indexed annually to the percentage change in the state's unemployment insurance average weekly earnings.
- ! In the first year after solvency is achieved, consolidates 2 of the 3 current assessments (base premium and socialized surcharge) and part of the third (solvency surcharge) into one combined premium and a new solvency surcharge.
- Ţ In the first year after solvency is achieved, applies the consolidated premium to a new rate schedule based on employer experience and the balance of the unemployment compensation fund. Reduces the experience component of the new schedule from 50 to 26 intervals. The top and bottom experience factors remain intact and the 2 new employer standard rates are consolidated into one. Creates new unemployment compensation system fund balance intervals, adjusted annually based on a 1.4% solvency standard. Throughout the rate schedule, the stable and proportional increases in rates occur as the unemployment compensation system fund balance is reduced, thereby allowing the unemployment compensation system to generate more revenue during solvency and reducing the burden to employers during insolvency, which usually occurs in difficult economic times for employers.
- ! In the first calendar year after solvency is achieved, puts in place a premium credit based on a 1.6% solvency standard for employers with a positive experience history and that have paid more into the unemployment compensation system than was charged in benefits during the calendar year in which the 1.6% solvency standard is exceeded.
- Property Requires the division of employment and training to develop an internet self-service project to allow employers 24/7 access to their account information.
- ! Requires annual reports to the general assembly on the status of the unemployment compensation fund.
- ! Clarifies provisions relating to fraud and overpayments to claimants and requires notice to claimants of penalties for fraud and overpayments.

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¹ Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

1	SECTION 1. 8-70-103 (6.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
2	amended to read:
3	8-70-103. Definitions. As used in articles 70 to 82 of this title,
4	unless the context otherwise requires:
5	(6.5) "Chargeable wages" means those wages paid TO an
6	individual employee during a calendar year on which the employer of that
7	employee is required to pay premiums as provided by article 76 of this
8	title, including all wages subject to a tax under federal law, which
9	imposes a tax against which credit may be taken for premiums required
10	to be paid into a state unemployment fund. For each calendar year, the
11	chargeable wage WAGES is the first ten thousand dollars paid TO an
12	individual; except that, effective January 1, 2012, chargeable
13	WAGES FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR IS THE FIRST ELEVEN THOUSAND
14	DOLLARS PAID TO AN INDIVIDUAL AND AFTER RECEIPT BY THE REVISOR OF
15	STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER SECTION 8-76-102.5 (1) INDICATING
16	THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND
17	On any June 30is equal to or greater than zero dollars, and all
18	ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII
19	OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN
20	REPAID, CHARGEABLE WAGES FOR THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR IS THE
21	FIRST ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PAID TO AN INDIVIDUAL, ADJUSTED BY
22	THE CHANGE IN THE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
23	8-73-102, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. AS USED
24	In articles $70\mathrm{to}82$ of this title, chargeable wages paid includes
25	CHARGEABLE WAGES CONSTRUCTIVELY PAID AS WELL AS CHARGEABLE
26	WAGES ACTUALLY PAID.
27	SECTION 2. 8-72-101 (3), Colorado Revised Statutes, is

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amended to read:

8-72-101. Duties and powers of division. (3) (a) Whenever any event occurs that may have a material effect on the adequacy of the fund, whether to increase costs or decrease revenues or otherwise, the division shall promptly analyze such THE potential effect and provide such THE analysis to the governor and the general assembly. For purposes of this subsection (3), "event" shall include but not be limited to INCLUDES proposed federal or state legislation and administrative or judicial adjudications.

- (b) The department of Labor and Employment shall update the General assembly annually on the status of the fund during the hearing conducted pursuant to section 2-7-203, C.R.S. By August 31, 2012, and by each August 31 thereafter, the division shall report to the joint budget committee, the economic and business development committee of the house of representatives, and the business, labor, and technology committee of the senate, or their successor committees, regarding the status of the fund. The report shall include at least the following from the prior calendar year:
 - (I) TOTAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES;
- (II) THE HIGHEST AND LOWEST TRUST FUND BALANCE FROM THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR AND A COMPARISON OF THOSE BALANCES TO THE FOLLOWING THREE SOLVENCY MEASURES: THE RESERVE RATIO, THE HIGH-COST MULTIPLE, AND THE AVERAGE HIGH-COST MULTIPLE;
- (III) AN ANALYSIS OF THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE FUNDING MECHANISM TO CHANGES IN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE;

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1	(IV) AN ANALYSIS OF ANY MATERIAL CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY
2	THE DIVISION IN FUND SOLVENCY, REVENUE, AND EXPENDITURES;
3	(V) AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF TOTAL PREMIUMS ASSESSED
4	TO EMPLOYERS BY EMPLOYER SIZE AND EMPLOYER EXPERIENCE;
5	$(VI)\ The\ total\ amount\ of\ overpayments\ paid\ to\ claimants$
6	AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENTS RECOVERED; AND
7	(VII) AN ANALYSIS OF MEASURES TAKEN BY THE DIVISION TO
8	REDUCE THE TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENTS AND
9	FRAUDULENT PAYMENTS.
10	SECTION 3. 8-72-109 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
11	amended to read:
12	8-72-109. State-federal cooperation. (6) (a) The division may
13	afford reasonable cooperation with every agency of the United States
14	charged with the administration of any law providing for payment of
15	benefits arising out of unemployment. In so doing, the division may use
16	its personnel and equipment and accept and use federal funds and make
17	payments therefrom, but in so doing it is not required to neglect or to
18	carry on with less efficiency its own program, and the state of Colorado
19	and its employees shall be free from liability except in case of gross
20	negligence or attempt to defraud the United States.
21	(b) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO
22	AGREEMENTS WITH EVERY AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES CHARGED
23	WITH ADMINISTRATION OF INCOME OR WAGE VERIFICATION FOR THE
24	PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AMONG AGENCIES AS A METHOD
25	OF CONTROLLING THE OVERPAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.
26	SECTION 4. 8-76-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
27	BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

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1	8-70-102. Rate of premiums - surcharge - repeal. (6) THIS
2	SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT BY THE REVISOR OF
3	STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER SECTION $8-76-102.5(1)$ INDICATING
4	THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND
5	On any June 30 is equal to or greater than zero dollars, and all
6	ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL
7	SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID.
8	SECTION 5. Article 76 of title 8, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
9	amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:
10	8-76-102.5. Rates effective upon fund solvency - repeal of
11	prior rates - solvency surcharge - definitions. (1) ON EACH AUGUST
12	31, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL FILE A WRITTEN REPORT WITH THE
13	GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
14	COMMITTEE INDICATING THE BALANCE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT
15	COMPENSATION FUND. WHEN THE WRITTEN REPORT INDICATES THAT THE
16	FUND BALANCE ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN ZERO
17	DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS
18	SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT", AS
19	AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO
20	REPORT THESE FACTS IN WRITING TO THE REVISOR OF STATUES. UPON
21	RECEIPT BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF THE WRITTEN REPORT, THE
22	FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE REPEALED, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31 OF THE
23	CALENDAR YEAR OF THE WRITTEN REPORT TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES,
24	AND THEREAFTER THIS SECTION GOVERNS THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS:
25	(a) Section 8-76-102; AND
26	(b) Section 8-76-103.
27	(2) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR AFTER THE

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1 CALENDAR YEAR OF THE REPEAL OF THE PROVISIONS UNDER SUBSECTION
2 (1) OF THIS SECTION, EACH EMPLOYER SHALL PAY PREMIUMS IN THE
3 MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

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(3) (a) (I) EACH EMPLOYER'S RATE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS COMMENCING JANUARY 1 OF ANY CALENDAR YEAR SHALL BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE EMPLOYER'S RECORD PRIOR TO THE COMPUTATION DATE FOR THE YEAR. THE COMPUTATION DATE FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR IS JULY 1 OF THE YEAR PRECEDING THE CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE RATE IS COMPUTED.

(II) THE TOTAL OF ALL OF AN EMPLOYER'S PREMIUMS PAID ON HIS OR HER OWN BEHALF ON OR BEFORE THIRTY-ONE DAYS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPUTATION DATE AND THE TOTAL BENEFITS THAT WERE CHARGEABLE TO THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT AND WERE PAID BEFORE THE COMPUTATION DATE, WITH RESPECT TO WEEKS, OR ANY ESTABLISHED PAYROLL PERIOD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, BEGINNING BEFORE THE COMPUTATION DATE, SHALL BE USED TO COMPUTE HIS OR HER PREMIUM RATE FOR THE ENSUING CALENDAR YEAR; EXCEPT THAT THE MAXIMUM RATE FOR NEGATIVE EXCESS EMPLOYERS THAT IS CREDITED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND SHALL BE AT LEAST 0.0613 ASSESSED AS PART OF EACH EMPLOYER'S PREMIUM UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH (a). AND FOR THESE EMPLOYERS THE MAXIMUM COMBINED PREMIUM RATE SHALL BE AT LEAST 0.0628 BUT NOT GREATER THAN 0.1039. "PERCENT OF EXCESS" MEANS THE PERCENTAGE RESULTING FROM DIVIDING THE EXCESS OF PREMIUMS PAID OVER BENEFITS CHARGED BY THE AVERAGE CHARGEABLE PAYROLL, COMPUTED TO THE NEAREST ONE PERCENT. THE WORD "TO" IN THE COLUMN HEADINGS, WHICH MAKE REFERENCE TO FUND BALANCES (RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS),

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- 1 MEANS "NOT INCLUDING". "RESERVE RATIO" MEANS THE FUND BALANCE
- 2 ON ANY JUNE 30 AS A PROPORTION OF TOTAL WAGES REPORTED BY
- 3 EXPERIENCE-RATED EMPLOYERS.

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7	EMPLOYERS	PERCENT OI	F EXCESS					
8	+20 OR MORE	E 0.0051	0.0056	0.0058	0.0062	0.0066	0.0071	0.0075
9	+18 TO +19	0.0057	0.0062	0.0064	0.0069	0.0073	0.0078	0.0082
10	+16 TO +17	0.0058	0.0063	0.0065	0.0070	0.0074	0.0079	0.0084
11	+14 TO +15	0.0061	0.0067	0.0069	0.0075	0.0080	0.0086	0.0091
12	+12 TO +13	0.0066	0.0072	0.0075	0.0082	0.0088	0.0095	0.0101
13	+10 TO +11	0.0075	0.0083	0.0087	0.0094	0.0102	0.0110	0.0118
14	+8 TO +9	0.0095	0.0105	0.0110	0.0120	0.0130	0.0140	0.0150
15	+6 TO +7	0.0116	0.0129	0.0135	0.0148	0.0160	0.0173	0.0186
16	+4 TO +5	0.0138	0.0154	0.0161	0.0177	0.0192	0.0207	0.0223
17	+2 TO +3	0.0193	0.0214	0.0225	0.0247	0.0269	0.0291	0.0313
18	+0 TO +1	0.0271	0.0302	0.0317	0.0348	0.0379	0.0410	0.0441
19	UNRATED	0.0296	0.0326	0.0342	0.0373	0.0403	0.0434	0.0465

1	-0 то -1	0.0346	0.0386	0.0406	0.0447	0.0487	0.0527	0.0568
2	-2 то -3	0.0368	0.0412	0.0433	0.0476	0.0519	0.0562	0.0606
3	-4 то -5	0.0391	0.0437	0.0460	0.0506	0.0552	0.0598	0.0644
4	-6 то -7	0.0414	0.0462	0.0487	0.0535	0.0584	0.0633	0.0682
5	-8 то -9	0.0436	0.0488	0.0514	0.0565	0.0617	0.0668	0.0720
6	-10 то -11	0.0459	0.0513	0.0540	0.0595	0.0649	0.0703	0.0758
7	-12 то -13	0.0481	0.0539	0.0567	0.0624	0.0681	0.0738	0.0796
8	-14 то -15	0.0504	0.0564	0.0594	0.0654	0.0714	0.0774	0.0834
9	-16 то -17	0.0527	0.0589	0.0621	0.0683	0.0746	0.0809	0.0872
10	-18 то -19	0.0549	0.0615	0.0648	0.0713	0.0779	0.0844	0.0910
11	-20 то -21	0.0572	0.0640	0.0674	0.0743	0.0811	0.0879	0.0948
12	-22 то -23	0.0594	0.0666	0.0701	0.0772	0.0843	0.0914	0.0986
13	-24 то -25	0.0617	0.0690	0.0727	0.0801	0.0875	0.0949	0.1023
14	More							
15	THAN -25	0.0628	0.0703	0.0740	0.0815	0.0890	0.0964	0.1039

(b) ONLY THOSE WAGES PAID FOR COVERED EMPLOYMENT THAT OCCURRED BEFORE THE COMPUTATION DATE AND WERE REPORTED TO THE DIVISION ON OR BEFORE THIRTY-ONE DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPUTATION DATE WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE EXPERIENCE RATE EFFECTIVE FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR.

(c) Whenever an employer subject to articles 70 to 82 of this title acquires, before the computation date and pursuant to section 8-76-104, all or a segregable portion of the organization, trade, and business or substantially all of the assets of an employer who was subject to articles 70 to 82 of this title at the time of the acquisition, and the successor submitted in writing that the successor met the conditions set forth in section 8-76-104, a total or partial transfer of the experience rating record of the predecessor employer shall be made as provided in section 8-76-104. No merger of the accounts for experience rating purposes will be made for the rate effective the next calendar year unless the information is submitted to the division on or before sixty days following the computation date.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an employer, at any time before March 15 of any year, may pay voluntary premiums in addition to the premiums and surcharges provided under articles 70 to 82 of this title. Voluntary premiums shall allow for a reduction of the employer's experience rate and shall be credited to the employer's account and be used in determining the employer's rate for the current calendar year and subsequent calendar years; except that, if an

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EMPLOYER IS DELINQUENT IN THE PAYMENT OF ANY PREMIUMS OR SURCHARGES DUE, THE VOLUNTARY PREMIUM PAYMENTS SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DELINQUENT PREMIUMS AND SURCHARGES BEFORE SUCH COMPUTATION IS MADE. NO VOLUNTARY PREMIUMS PAID PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (d) SHALL BE REFUNDED OR APPLIED TO FUTURE PREMIUM LIABILITY.

(e) AS USED IN SECTIONS 8-76-101 TO 8-76-104, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPUTING THE PREMIUM RATE OF ANY EMPLOYER, THE TERM "ANNUAL PAYROLL" MEANS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT PAID BY AN EMPLOYER DURING THE TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING ON JUNE 30. THE TERM "AVERAGE CHARGEABLE PAYROLL" MEANS THE AVERAGE OF THE CHARGEABLE PAYROLLS FOR THE LAST THREE FISCAL YEARS ENDING ON JUNE 30. FOR ANY EMPLOYER WHO HAS NOT REPORTED PAYROLLS TO THE DIVISION FOR THIRTY-SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS ENDING ON JUNE 30, THE DIVISION SHALL COMPUTE THE AVERAGE CHARGEABLE PAYROLL BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL CHARGEABLE PAYROLLS OF THE EMPLOYER DURING THE THREE FISCAL YEARS ENDING ON JUNE 30 BY THE TOTAL MONTHS DURING WHICH SUCH WAGES WERE PAID AND MULTIPLYING THE AMOUNT SO DETERMINED BY TWELVE.

(f) AN EMPLOYER SHALL HAVE SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE MAILING DATE OR THE TRANSMISSION DATE AS RECORDED BY THE DIVISION OF A QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF BENEFITS CHARGED TO THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT IN WHICH TO FILE A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR A REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF BENEFIT CHARGES. THE APPLICATION MUST SPECIFY IN DETAIL THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE EMPLOYER RELIES AND MAY BE FILED IN PERSON, BY MAIL, OR BY ELECTRONIC MEANS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH RULES AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION MAY PROMULGATE.

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1	THE DIVISION SHALL INVESTIGATE THE MATTERS SPECIFIED AND SHALL
2	GIVE THE EMPLOYER NOTICE OF ITS REDETERMINATION BY MAIL OR BY
3	ELECTRONIC MEANS. IF THE EMPLOYER FAILS TO ACT WITHIN THE
4	PRESCRIBED TIME, BENEFITS CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE
5	DEEMED CORRECT AND FINAL. APPEAL FROM THE REDETERMINATION
6	DECISION MAY BE MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-76-113 (2).
7	(g) BY DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, OR AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.
8	THE DIVISION SHALL NOTIFY EACH EMPLOYER OF THE EMPLOYER'S
9	PREMIUM RATE AS DETERMINED FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR PURSUANT
10	TO SECTIONS 8-76-101 TO 8-76-104. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE
11	THE AMOUNT DETERMINED AS THE EMPLOYER'S AVERAGE ANNUAL
12	PAYROLL, THE TOTAL OF ALL THE EMPLOYER'S PREMIUMS PAID ON HIS OR
13	HER OWN BEHALF AND CREDITED TO HIS OR HER ACCOUNT FOR ALL PAST
14	YEARS, AND THE TOTAL BENEFITS CHARGED TO THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT
15	FOR ALL SUCH YEARS.
16	(h) No later than January 1, 2013, the division shall
17	DEVELOP AN ON-LINE COMPUTER APPLICATION THAT ALLOWS EMPLOYERS
18	TO REVIEW AND MANAGE ACCOUNT INFORMATION. THE ON-LINE
19	COMPUTER APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING:
20	(I) A METHOD FOR EMPLOYERS TO FILE PREMIUM REPORTS AND
21	MAKE PREMIUM PAYMENTS;
22	(II) A METHOD FOR EMPLOYERS TO REVIEW ACCOUNT BALANCES.
23	CHARGING HISTORY, PREMIUM RATES, AND ACCOUNT STATUS;
24	(III) A METHOD FOR EMPLOYERS TO CHANGE THE PHYSICAL
25	ADDRESS OF AN ACCOUNT, REINSTATE AN ACCOUNT, AND CLOSE AN
26	ACCOUNT; AND
27	(IV) A METHOD FOR EMPLOYERS TO RECEIVE AND RETURN

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1	DIVISION FORMS AND CORRESPONDENCE.
2	(i) Whenever there has been a period of five consecutive
3	CALENDAR YEARS DURING WHICH THERE WERE NO CHARGEABLE WAGES
4	PAID FOR SERVICES CONSIDERED EMPLOYMENT UNDER ARTICLES $70 {\rm To} 82$
5	OF THIS TITLE, ANY BALANCE SHOWN IN THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT WILL
6	NOT BE TRANSFERRED NOR BE USED FOR PREMIUM RATING PURPOSES IF
7	THE EMPLOYER AGAIN BECOMES LIABLE UNDER ARTICLES $70\text{to}82\text{of}$ this
8	TITLE.
9	(4) (a) NEW EMPLOYERS PAY THE SAME PREMIUMS AS UNRATED
10	EMPLOYERS AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS
11	THERE HAVE BEEN TWELVE CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR MONTHS
12	IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE COMPUTATION DATE DURING WHICH AN
13	EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CHARGEABLE WITH BENEFIT PAYMENTS.
14	(b) An employer that elects reimbursement under sections
15	8-76-108 to $8-76-110$ is exempt from this section.
16	(c) AN "EMPLOYER NEWLY SUBJECT", AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE,
17	MEANS AN EMPLOYER WHO HAS NEVER, AT ANY TIME, BEEN AN EMPLOYER
18	${\tt UNDERANYPROVISIONOFARTICLES70TO82OFTHISTITLE, ANEMPLOYER}$
19	WHO HAS LOST HIS OR HER PRIOR EXPERIENCE UNDER SUBSECTION (3) OF
20	This section, or an employer who, under section $8-76-110(2)$ (e),
21	TERMINATES HIS OR HER ELECTION TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF
22	PREMIUMS OR WHOSE ELECTION TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PREMIUMS
23	HAS BEEN TERMINATED BY THE DIVISION UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF
24	SECTION 8-76-110 (4) (e) OR (4) (f).
25	(5) (a) Those employers newly subject to articles $70 \text{ to } 82$
26	OF THIS TITLE AND ASSIGNED THE THREE-DIGIT NORTH AMERICAN
27	INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION CODE 236, 237, OR 238 FOR THE

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1	CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY MUST PAY THE SAME PREMIUMS AS UNRATED
2	EMPLOYERS AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, AT THE
3	ACTUAL EXPERIENCE RATE, AT A RATE EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE ACTUAL
4	EXPERIENCE RATE, OR AT A RATE EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE INDUSTRY
5	PREMIUM RATE AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, WHICHEVER IS GREATER,
6	UNLESS THERE HAVE BEEN THIRTY-SIX CONSECUTIVE CALENDAR MONTHS
7	IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE COMPUTATION DATE.
8	(b) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), ASSIGNMENT BY THE
9	DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATIONS
10	TO EMPLOYERS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5) MUST BE IN
11	ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES OF THE BUREAU OF
12	LABOR STATISTICS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
13	BE THE APPROPRIATE THREE-DIGIT SUBSECTOR LEVEL FOUND IN THE
14	NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM MANUAL ISSUED BY
15	THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.
16	(c) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (5), "AVERAGE INDUSTRY
17	PREMIUM RATE" MEANS THE AVERAGE PREMIUM RATE OF ALL EMPLOYERS
18	ASSIGNED THE SAME THREE-DIGIT NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY
19	CLASSIFICATION CODE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (5). THE RATE IS
20	COMPUTED ANNUALLY BY THE DIVISION USING THE LATEST DATA AS OF
21	THE COMPUTATION DATE.
22	(6) (a) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR ITS INSTRUMENTALITY THAT
23	HAS ELECTED TO BECOME A PREMIUM-PAYING EMPLOYER WILL HAVE ITS
24	ACCOUNT CHARGED WITH THE FULL AMOUNT OF ALL REGULAR AND
25	${\tt EXTENDEDBENEFITSTHATAREATTRIBUTABLETOSERVICEINITSEMPLOY}.$
26	(b) (I) The premium rate for political subdivisions or their
27	INSTRUMENTALITIES WILL BE EXAMINED ANNUALLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH

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1	THE EMPLOYER'S BENEFIT EXPERIENCE AND MAY BE ADJUSTED ON A
2	YEAR-BY-YEAR BASIS AS PRESCRIBED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF
3	PARAGRAPH (a) OF SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.
4	(II) THE DIVISION MUST NOTIFY ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR
5	THEIR INSTRUMENTALITIES, AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS
6	SUBSECTION (6), OF THE PREMIUM RATE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1 OF
7	THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RATE APPLIES.
8	(7) (a) A SOLVENCY SURCHARGE WILL BE ASSESSED WHEN THE
9	FUND BALANCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY
10	June 30 is equal to or less than 0.005 multiplied by the total
11	WAGES REPORTED BY EXPERIENCE-RATED EMPLOYERS FOR THE PREVIOUS
12	CALENDAR YEAR, OR FOR THE MOST RECENT AVAILABLE FOUR
13	CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS BEFORE THE LAST COMPUTATION DATE. THE
14	SOLVENCY SURCHARGE WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL EXPERIENCE-RATED
15	EMPLOYERS BEGINNING WITH THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR, AND THE
16	SOLVENCY SURCHARGE IS ADDED TO THE EMPLOYER'S PREMIUM RATE.
17	THE SOLVENCY SURCHARGE RATE ADDED TO THE EMPLOYER'S PREMIUM
18	RATE WILL ALSO BE IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY ON THE EMPLOYER'S
19	PREMIUM RATE NOTICE AS THE SOLVENCY SURCHARGE. THE SOLVENCY
20	SURCHARGE REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THE JUNE 30fund balance in the
21	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN
22	0.007 multiplied by the total wages reported by
23	EXPERIENCE-RATED EMPLOYERS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, OR FOR THE
24	MOST RECENT AVAILABLE FOUR CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS:
25	ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS SOLVENCY SURCHARGE
26	PERCENT OF EXCESS
27	+20 or more 0.00100

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1	+18 TO +19			0.00150				
2	+16 TO +17			0.00150				
3	+14 TO +15			0.00150				
4	+12 TO +13			0.00150				
5	+10 TO +11			0.00175				
6	+8 TO +9			0.00275				
7	+6 TO +7			0.00375				
8	+4 TO +5			0.00475				
9	+2 TO +3			0.00725				
10	+0 TO +1			0.01100				
11	UNRATED			0.01350				
12	-0 то -1			0.01425				
13	-2 то -3			0.01525				
14	-4 то -5			0.01625				
15	-6 то -7			0.01725				
16	-8 то -9			0.01825				
17	-10 то -11			0.01925				
18	-12 то -13			0.02025				
19	-14 то -15			0.02125				
20	-16 то -17			0.02225				
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22	-20 то -21			0.02425				
23	-22 то -23			0.02525				
24	-24 то -25			0.02625				
25	MORE THAN	-25		0.02700				
26	(b) T	HESOL	VENCY SURC	CHARGE SHALL	NOT	BE ASSES	SSED A	GAINST:
27	(I)	Тне	COVERED	EMPLOYERS	OF	STATE	AND	LOCAL

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1	GOVERNMENTS;
2	(II) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE REIMBURSING
3	EMPLOYERS; OR
4	(III) POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ELECTING THE SPECIAL RATE.
5	(8) (a) Subject to the conditions stated in paragraph (b) of
6	THIS SUBSECTION (8), AN EMPLOYER IS ELIGIBLE FOR A PREMIUM CREDIT,
7	AS DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION, OF A PROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF THE
8	${\tt EXCESSOFTHEAMOUNTSPECIFIEDINSUBPARAGRAPH(IV)OFPARAGRAPH}$
9	(b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (8). EACH EMPLOYER THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE
10	PREMIUM CREDIT RECEIVES A SHARE OF THE TOTAL AVAILABLE PREMIUM
11	CREDIT EQUAL TO HIS OR HER PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE TOTAL
12	CHARGEABLE WAGES PAID BY QUALIFYING EMPLOYERS.
13	(b) AN EMPLOYER DOES NOT RECEIVE PREMIUM CREDIT UNDER
14	THIS SUBSECTION (8) UNLESS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE
15	MET:
16	(I) AS OF THE MOST RECENT COMPUTATION DATE, THE EMPLOYER
17	HAS FILED ALL REQUIRED REPORTS AND PAID ALL PREMIUMS AND
18	SURCHARGES DUE UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS TITLE;
19	(II) THE EMPLOYER IS NOT A NEGATIVE EXCESS EMPLOYER UNDER
20	THE TABLE IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION;
21	(III) THE EMPLOYER HAS NOT ELECTED TO MAKE REIMBURSEMENT
22	PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF PREMIUMS; AND
23	(IV) AS OF THE COMPUTATION DATE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE
24	CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE PREMIUM CREDIT IS TO BE TAKEN, THE
25	UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED SURPLUS BALANCE IN THE
26	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION 8-77-101(1)
27	EXCEEDED ONE AND SIX-TENTHS PERCENT OF TOTAL WAGES REPORTED BY

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1	EXPERIENCE-RATED EMPLOYERS. AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF ONE AND
2	SIX-TENTHS PERCENT OF TOTAL COVERED WAGES ARE CONSIDERED
3	AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT AS PART OF THE PREMIUM CREDIT.
4	(9) ANY PREMIUM CREDIT REMAINING TO AN EMPLOYER AFTER THE
5	FIRST YEAR IN WHICH THE PREMIUM CREDIT IS APPLIED IS AVAILABLE TO
6	THE EMPLOYER IN SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEARS.
7	(10) As used in subsections (8) and (9) of this section,
8	"PREMIUM CREDIT" MEANS THE DOLLAR AMOUNT DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO
9	ELIGIBLE EMPLOYERS UNDER THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH
10	(b)ofsubsection(8)ofthissectiontobeappliedagainstpremiums
11	DUE IN ANY GIVEN CALENDAR YEAR. FOR PURPOSES OF COMPUTING AN
12	EMPLOYER'S FUTURE RATE, ANY PREMIUM CREDIT CLAIMED BY AN
13	EMPLOYER UNDER SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION IS DISREGARDED, AND
14	THE PREMIUM THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE DUE IS DEEMED PAID.
15	(11) (a) THE DIVISION SHALL MAINTAIN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT FOR
16	EACH EMPLOYER AND SHALL CREDIT THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT WITH ALL
17	PREMIUMS AND SURCHARGES PAID ON THE EMPLOYER'S BEHALF. NOTHING
18	In articles $70\mbox{to}82$ of this title shall be construed to grant any
19	EMPLOYER OR INDIVIDUALS IN THE EMPLOYER'S SERVICE PRIOR CLAIMS OR
20	RIGHTS TO THE AMOUNTS PAID BY THE EMPLOYER INTO THE FUND, EITHER
21	ON THE EMPLOYER'S BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS.
22	BENEFITS PAID TO AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE CHARGED, IN THE
23	AMOUNT PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AGAINST THE ACCOUNTS OF HIS OR
24	HER EMPLOYERS IN THE BASE PERIOD IN THE INVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL
25	ORDER IN WHICH THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL OCCURRED.
26	BENEFITS PAID TO A SEASONAL WORKER DURING THE NORMAL SEASONAL
27	PERIODS SHALL BE CHARGED AGAINST THE ACCOUNT OF HIS OR HER MOST

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1	RECENT SEASONAL EMPLOYERS IN THE CORRESPONDING NORMAL
2	SEASONAL PERIOD OF HIS OR HER BASE PERIOD IN THE INVERSE
3	CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IN WHICH THE SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE
4	INDIVIDUAL OCCURRED AND PRIOR TO THE CHARGING OF BENEFITS BASED
5	ON NONSEASONAL EMPLOYMENT.
6	(b) THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT CHARGED AGAINST THE EXPERIENCE
7	RATING ACCOUNT OF ANY EMPLOYER PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF
8	THIS SUBSECTION (11) MAY NOT EXCEED ONE-THIRD OF THE WAGES PAID
9	TO AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE EMPLOYER FOR INSURED WORK DURING THE
10	INDIVIDUAL'S BASE PERIOD, BUT NOT MORE PER COMPLETED CALENDAR
11	QUARTER OR PORTION THEREOF THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE MAXIMUM WAGE
12	CREDITS AS COMPUTED IN SECTION 8-73-104. NOTHING IN SECTIONS
13	$8-76-101 {\rm to} 8-76-104 {\rm shall} {\rm be} {\rm construed} {\rm to} {\rm limit} {\rm benefits} {\rm payable}$
14	PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 8-73-101 TO 8-73-106. NOTWITHSTANDING
15	SECTION $8-73-108$ or any administrative practice that results in
16	FUND CHARGING, A REIMBURSING EMPLOYER SHALL BEAR THE COST OF ALL
17	BENEFITS PAID TO ITS FORMER EMPLOYEES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
18	BENEFIT OVERPAYMENTS. THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION, BY GENERAL
19	RULES, SHALL PRESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH BENEFITS SHALL BE
20	CHARGED AGAINST THE ACCOUNTS OF SEVERAL EMPLOYERS FOR WHOM AN
21	INDIVIDUAL PERFORMED EMPLOYMENT AT THE SAME TIME.
22	(c) IF, BY REASON OF FRAUD, MISTAKE, OR CLERICAL ERROR, AN
23	INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES BENEFITS IN EXCESS OF THOSE TO WHICH HE OR SHE
24	IS ENTITLED AND THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT IS CHARGED, THE EMPLOYER'S
25	ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE BENEFITS
26	ERRONEOUSLY CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNT.

SECTION 6. 8-76-103 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is

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1	amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:
2	8-76-103. Future rates based on benefit experience -
3	definitions - repeal. (1) (d) IF, BY REASON OF FRAUD, MISTAKE, OR
4	CLERICAL ERROR, AN INDIVIDUAL RECEIVES BENEFITS IN EXCESS OF THOSE
5	TO WHICH HE OR SHE IS ENTITLED AND THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT IS
6	CHARGED, THE EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT SHALL BE CREDITED AN AMOUNT
7	EQUAL TO THE BENEFITS ERRONEOUSLY CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNT.
8	SECTION 7. 8-76-103, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
9	BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:
10	8-76-103. Future rates based on benefit experience -
11	definitions - repeal. (8) This section is repealed, effective upon
12	RECEIPT BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER
13	SECTION 8-76-102.5 (1) INDICATING THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE
14	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR
15	GREATER THAN ZERO DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
16	THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL
17	SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID.
18	SECTION 8. Article 76 of title 8, Colorado Revised Statutes, is
19	amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:
20	8-76-103.5. Transitional provisions - combined premium rate
21	for 2012 - repeal. (1) For Calendar Year 2012, the incremental
22	INCREASE IN THE SOLVENCY SURCHARGE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION
23	8-76-102 WILL BE APPLIED, AND AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF
24	THE INCREASE IN THE SURCHARGE WILL BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE
25	COMPUTATION ON THE EXPERIENCE-RATED EMPLOYER'S RATE FOR THE
26	CALENDAR YEAR 2012.
27	(2) This section is repealed, effective January 1, 2014.

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1	SECTION 9. 8-70-114 (2) (g) (III) (A), Colorado Revised
2	Statutes, is amended, and the said 8-70-114 (2) (g) (III) is further
3	amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH,
4	to read:
5	8-70-114. Employing unit - definitions - rules - employee
6	leasing company certification fund - repeal. (2) (g) (III) Each
7	employee leasing company shall annually certify and provide evidence to
8	the department that it meets one of the following criteria to provide
9	securitization of unemployment premiums:
10	(A) Execute and file a surety bond or deposit with the division
11	money or a letter of credit equivalent to fifty percent of the average
12	annual amount of unemployment premium assessed within the previous
13	calendar year for all covered employees regardless of the election made
14	pursuant to subparagraph (VII) of paragraph (b) of this subsection (2).
15	For a new employee leasing company, the initial bond amount will be the
16	standard premium rate, as determined pursuant to section 8-76-103,
17	multiplied by fifty percent of the estimated projected chargeable payroll
18	for the current calendar year as estimated by the employee leasing
19	company. This sub-subparagraph (A) is repealed, effective upon
20	RECEIPT BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER
21	SECTION $8-76-102.5$ (1) INDICATING THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE
22	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR
23	GREATER THAN ZERO DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24	THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL
25	SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID.
26	(A.5) On and after the repeal of sub-subparagraph (A) of
27	THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III), EXECUTE AND FILE A SURETY BOND OR DEPOSIT

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1	WITH THE DIVISION MONEY OR A LETTER OF CREDIT EQUIVALENT TO FIFTY
2	PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT
3	PREMIUM ASSESSED WITHIN THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR FOR ALL
4	COVERED EMPLOYEES REGARDLESS OF THE ELECTION MADE PURSUANT TO
5	SUBPARAGRAPH (VII) OF PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2). FOR A
6	NEW EMPLOYEE LEASING COMPANY, THE INITIAL BOND AMOUNT IS THE
7	UNRATED PREMIUM RATE, AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SECTION
8	8-76-102.5, MULTIPLIED BY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE ESTIMATED PROJECTED
9	CHARGEABLE PAYROLL FOR THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR AS ESTIMATED
10	BY THE EMPLOYEE LEASING COMPANY.
11	SECTION 10. 8-72-110 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
12	amended to read:
13	8-72-110. Reciprocal interstate agreements - repeal.
14	(2) (a) (I) The division is authorized to enter into reciprocal arrangements
15	with appropriate and duly authorized agencies of other states or of the
16	federal government, or both, whereby wages for insured work paid in
17	another state or by the federal government shall be ARE deemed to be
18	wages for insured work under articles 70 to 82 of this title; and wages for

another state or by the federal government shall be ARE deemed to be wages for insured work under articles 70 to 82 of this title; and wages for insured work paid under the provisions of articles 70 to 82 of this title shall be ARE deemed to be wages on the basis of which unemployment insurance is payable under such law of another state or of the federal government. No such arrangement shall be entered into unless it contains provision for reimbursement to the fund for such of the benefits paid under articles 70 to 82 of this title on the basis of such THE wages and provision for reimbursement from the fund for such THE benefits paid under such other law on the basis of wages for insured work as the division finds will be fair and reasonable to all affected interests.

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Reimbursements paid from the fund pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be benefits for the purposes of articles 70 to 82 of this title; except that no charge shall be made to a premium-paying employer's account under sections 8-76-101 to 8-76-104. With the exception of benefit overpayments, such noncharging shall not apply to reimbursing employer accounts that will be charged in accordance with section 8-76-103 in the same amount and to the same extent as if the reimbursement to another state had been benefits based solely on wages paid by an employer covered by articles 70 to 82 of this title.

- (II) This paragraph (a) is repealed, effective upon receipt by the revisor of statutes of written notice under section 8-76-102.5 (1) indicating that the fund balance of the unemployment compensation fund on any June 30 is equal to or greater than zero dollars, and all advances in accordance with the conditions specified in Title XII of the federal "Social Security Act", as amended, have been repaid.
- (b) (I) The division may enter into reciprocal arrangements with appropriate and duly authorized agencies of other states or of the federal government, or both, whereby wages for insured work paid in another state or by the federal government are deemed to be wages for insured work under articles 70 to 82 of this title; and wages for insured work paid under articles 70 to 82 of this title are deemed to be wages on the basis of which unemployment insurance is payable under a corresponding law of another state or of the federal government. No such arrangement may be entered into unless it contains provision for reimbursement to the fund for the

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1	BENEFITS PAID UNDER ARTICLES 70 TO 82 OF THIS TITLE ON THE BASIS OF
2	THE WAGES AND PROVISION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE FUND FOR
3	THE BENEFITS PAID UNDER SUCH OTHER LAW ON THE BASIS OF WAGES FOR
4	INSURED WORK AS THE DIVISION FINDS WILL BE FAIR AND REASONABLE TO
5	ALL AFFECTED INTERESTS. REIMBURSEMENTS PAID FROM THE FUND
6	PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE DEEMED TO BE BENEFITS FOR THE
7	purposes of articles $70 \text{to} 82 \text{of}$ this title; except that no charge
8	MAY BE MADE TO A PREMIUM-PAYING EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT UNDER
9	SECTIONS 8-76-101 TO 8-76-104. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BENEFIT
10	OVERPAYMENTS, THE NONCHARGING SHALL NOT APPLY TO REIMBURSING
11	EMPLOYER ACCOUNTS THAT WILL BE CHARGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
12	SECTION $8-76-102.5$ in the same amount and to the same extent as
13	IF THE REIMBURSEMENT TO ANOTHER STATE HAD BEEN BENEFITS BASED
14	SOLELY ON WAGES PAID BY AN EMPLOYER COVERED BY ARTICLES $70 \text{to} 82$
15	OF THIS TITLE.
16	(II) THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IS EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER THE REPEAL
17	OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).
18	SECTION 11. 8-73-104 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
19	amended to read:
20	8-73-104. Duration of benefits - repeal.
21	(2) (a) (I) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, or section
22	8-76-103 (1) (a), benefits based upon regular part-time employment may
23	not be charged to the experience rating account of the regular part-time
24	employer until the claimant has become separated from such THE regular
25	part-time employment and then only for those weeks of unemployment
26	which THAT occur after said separation.
27	(II) THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT

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1	BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER SECTION
2	8-76-102.5 (1) INDICATING THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE
3	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR
4	GREATER THAN ZERO DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
5	THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL
6	SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID.
7	(b)(I)Notwith standing any other provision of this section
8	OR OF SECTION 8-76-102.5 (11) (a), BENEFITS BASED UPON REGULAR
9	PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT MAY NOT BE CHARGED TO THE EXPERIENCE
10	RATING ACCOUNT OF THE REGULAR PART-TIME EMPLOYER UNTIL THE
11	CLAIMANT HAS BECOME SEPARATED FROM THE REGULAR PART-TIME
12	EMPLOYMENT, AND THEN ONLY FOR THOSE WEEKS OF UNEMPLOYMENT
13	THAT OCCUR AFTER THE SEPARATION.
14	(II) THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IS EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER THE REPEAL
15	OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (2).
16	SECTION 12. 8-75-203 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
17	amended to read:
18	8-75-203. Work share program - work share plan - eligibility
19	of employer - approval - denial - repeal. (1) (a) (I) The director shall
20	establish a voluntary work share program for the purpose of allowing the
21	payment of unemployment compensation benefits to employees whose
22	wages and hours have been reduced. In order to participate in the work
23	share program, an employer shall submit a work share plan in writing to
24	the director for approval. If the employer is subject to a collective
25	bargaining agreement, the collective bargaining unit must agree in writing
26	to the work share plan prior to implementation. An employer that is a
27	negative excess employer pursuant to section 8-76-103 (3) (b) is not

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1	eligible to participate in the work share program.
2	(II) THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT
3	BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER SECTION
4	8-76-102.5 (1) INDICATING THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE
5	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR
6	GREATER THAN ZERO DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7	THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL
8	SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID.
9	(b) (I) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY WORK
10	SHARE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THE PAYMENT OF
11	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES WHOSE WAGES
12	AND HOURS HAVE BEEN REDUCED. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK
13	SHARE PROGRAM, AN EMPLOYER SHALL SUBMIT A WORK SHARE PLAN IN
14	WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR FOR APPROVAL. IF THE EMPLOYER IS SUBJECT
15	TO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
16	UNIT MUST AGREE IN WRITING TO THE WORK SHARE PLAN PRIOR TO
17	IMPLEMENTATION. AN EMPLOYER THAT IS A NEGATIVE EXCESS EMPLOYER
18	PURSUANT TO SECTION $8-76-102.5$ (3) IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
19	THE WORK SHARE PROGRAM.
20	(II) This paragraph (b) is effective on and after the repeal
21	OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).
22	SECTION 13. 8-76-104 (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
23	amended to read:
24	8-76-104. Transfer of experience - assignment of rates -

8-76-104. Transfer of experience - assignment of rates - definitions - repeal. (1) (c) (I) (A) If, at the time of transfer, a person who is not an employer under this section acquires the trade or business of an employer and the division finds that the successor acquired the trade

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or business solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of contributions, the unemployment experience of the predecessor employer shall not be transferred to the successor and the division shall assign the successor the applicable new employer rate determined pursuant to section 8-76-103 (3).

- (B) This subparagraph (I) is repealed, effective upon receipt by the revisor of statutes of written notice under section 8-76-102.5 (1) indicating that the fund balance of the unemployment compensation fund on any June 30 is equal to or greater than zero dollars, and all advances in accordance with the conditions specified in Title XII of the federal "Social Security Act", as amended, have been repaid.
 - (II) (A) IF, AT THE TIME OF TRANSFER, A PERSON WHO IS NOT AN EMPLOYER UNDER THIS SECTION ACQUIRES THE TRADE OR BUSINESS OF AN EMPLOYER AND THE DIVISION FINDS THAT THE SUCCESSOR ACQUIRED THE TRADE OR BUSINESS SOLELY OR PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A LOWER RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE OF THE PREDECESSOR EMPLOYER SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SUCCESSOR AND THE DIVISION SHALL ASSIGN THE SUCCESSOR THE APPLICABLE NEW EMPLOYER RATE DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-76-102.5 (4).
- 22 (B) This subparagraph (II) is effective on and after the 23 Repeal of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (c).
- SECTION 14. 8-77-109 (1) and (2) (a.9), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 8-77-109. Employment support fund employment and training technology fund created uses repeal. (1) (a) (I) There is

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- 1 hereby established the employment support fund which shall be credited 2 with fifty percent of the premium surcharge established by section 3 8-76-102 (4) (d) beginning July 1, 1999. The employment support fund 4 shall not be included in or administered by the enterprise established 5 pursuant to section 8-71-103 (2). 6 (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT 7 BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER SECTION 8 8-76-102.5 (1) INDICATING THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE 9 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR 10 GREATER THAN ZERO DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 11 THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE XII OF THE FEDERAL "SOCIAL 12 SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID. 13 (b) (I) THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FUND. THIS FUND CONSISTS OF THE FIRST 0.0011 ASSESSED AS PART OF EACH EMPLOYER'S PREMIUM UNDER SECTION 8-76-102.5 (3) (a) OR THE AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FUND IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b), ADJUSTED BY THE
- 14 15 16 17 18 SAME PERCENTAGE CHANGE PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 8-70-103 (6.5), 19 THE DIVISION MUST TRANSFER TO THE WHICHEVER IS LESS. 20 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND AMOUNTS IN EXCESS OF THE 21 AMOUNT EXPENDED FROM THE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT FUND IN THE YEAR 22 PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH (b), ADJUSTED EACH 23 YEAR BY THE SAME PERCENTAGE CHANGE PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 24 8-70-103 (6.5). The employment support fund shall not be 25 INCLUDED IN OR ADMINISTERED BY THE ENTERPRISE ESTABLISHED 26 PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-71-103 (2).
 - (II) THIS PARAGRAPH (b) IS EFFECTIVE ON AND AFTER THE REPEAL

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OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (1).

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(2) (a.9) (I) (A) Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (2) to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2009, through December 31, 2016, twenty percent of the premium surcharge established by section 8-76-102 (4) shall be credited to the employment and training technology fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys in the employment and training technology fund shall be used for employment and training automation initiatives established by the director of the division. Moneys in the employment and training technology fund shall be ARE subject to annual appropriation by the general assembly for the implementation of this paragraph (a.9) and shall not revert to the general fund or any other fund at the end of any fiscal year. The moneys in the employment and training technology fund shall be ARE exempt from section 24-75-402, C.R.S. If the balance of the unemployment compensation fund created in section 8-77-101 falls below twenty-five million dollars, the moneys in the employment and training technology fund shall be allocated to the unemployment compensation fund. At any other time, the moneys in the employment and training technology fund may be allocated to the unemployment compensation fund at the discretion of the executive director of the department of labor and employment.

(B) This subparagraph (I) is repealed, effective upon receipt by the revisor of statutes of written notice under section 8-76-102.5 (1) indicating that the fund balance of the unemployment compensation fund on any June 30 is equal to or greater than zero dollars, and all advances in accordance with the conditions specified in Title XII of the federal "Social Security Act", as amended, have been repaid.

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1	(II) (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBSECTION
2	(2) TO THE CONTRARY, ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
3	SUBPARAGRAPH (II), 0.0004 ASSESSED AGAINST EACH EMPLOYER'S
4	PREMIUM UNDER SECTION 8-76-102.5 (3) (a) OR TEN MILLION DOLLARS OF
5	ALL REVENUE COLLECTED ANNUALLY UNDER SECTION 8-76-102.5 (3) (a),
6	WHICHEVER IS LESS, SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE EMPLOYMENT AND
7	TRAINING TECHNOLOGY FUND, ALSO REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH
8	(a.9) AS THE "FUND", WHICH IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY.
9	ANY AMOUNT COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF TEN MILLION DOLLARS UNDER
10	THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (II) SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT
11	COMPENSATION FUND. MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR
12	EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AUTOMATION INITIATIVES ESTABLISHED BY
13	THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION. MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO
14	ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSES
15	OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a.9) AND SHALL NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND
16	OR ANY OTHER FUND AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR. THE MONEYS IN
17	THE FUND ARE EXEMPT FROM SECTION 24-75-402, C.R.S. IF THE BALANCE
18	OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND CREATED IN SECTION
19	8-77-101 FALLS BELOW ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS, THE MONEYS IN
20	THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY FUND SHALL BE
21	ALLOCATED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND. ONCE
22	CUMULATIVE REVENUE TO THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY
23	FUND EQUALS ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS, LESS ANY MONEYS
24	TRANSFERRED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND, NO
25	ADDITIONAL MONEYS SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE EMPLOYMENT AND
26	TRAINING TECHNOLOGY FUND BUT INSTEAD SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO THE
27	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND. AT ANY OTHER TIME, THE

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1	MONEYS IN THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY FUND MAY BE
2	ALLOCATED TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND AT THE
3	DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
4	AND EMPLOYMENT.
5	(B) This subparagraph (II) is effective on and after the
6	REPEAL OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a.9).
7	SECTION 15. 8-79-104 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
8	amended to read:
9	8-79-104. Failure to file true report - penalty - repeal.
10	(1) (a) (I) (A) It is the responsibility of each employer subject to the
11	provisions of articles 70 to 82 of this title to file true and accurate reports
12	whether or not premiums or surcharges are due and to pay all premiums
13	and surcharges when due. Whenever an employer fails to furnish
14	premium reports required by the division by the due date, the employer
15	shall be assessed a penalty of fifty dollars for each occurrence; except that
16	an "employer newly subject" as defined by section 8-76-103 (3) (a) (IV)
17	shall be assessed a penalty of ten dollars for each such occurrence during
18	the first four quarters of coverage. Each subsequent quarter in which the
19	employer continues the failure to file such THE reports shall be IS
20	considered a separate occurrence. Penalties collected by the division
21	pursuant to this paragraph (a) shall be paid into the unemployment
22	revenue fund.
23	(B) This subparagraph (I) is repealed, effective upon
24	RECEIPT BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES OF WRITTEN NOTICE UNDER
25	SECTION $8-76-102.5$ (1) INDICATING THAT THE FUND BALANCE OF THE
26	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND ON ANY JUNE 30 IS EQUAL TO OR
27	GREATER THAN ZERO DOLLARS, AND ALL ADVANCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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1	THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN TITLE ATT OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL
2	SECURITY ACT", AS AMENDED, HAVE BEEN REPAID.
3	(II) (A) IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH EMPLOYER SUBJECT TO
4	ARTICLES $70 \text{ to } 82 \text{ of this title to file true and accurate reports,}$
5	WHETHER OR NOT PREMIUMS OR SURCHARGES ARE DUE, AND TO PAY ALL
6	PREMIUMS AND SURCHARGES WHEN DUE. WHENEVER AN EMPLOYER FAILS
7	TO FURNISH PREMIUM REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE DIVISION BY THE DUE
8	DATE, THE DIVISION SHALL ASSESS AGAINST THE EMPLOYER A PENALTY OF
9	FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH OCCURRENCE; EXCEPT THAT AN "EMPLOYER
10	NEWLY SUBJECT" AS DEFINED BY SECTION 8-76-102.5 (4) SHALL BE
11	ASSESSED A PENALTY OF TEN DOLLARS FOR EACH OCCURRENCE DURING
12	THE FIRST FOUR QUARTERS OF COVERAGE. EACH SUBSEQUENT QUARTER
13	IN WHICH THE EMPLOYER CONTINUES THE FAILURE TO FILE THE REPORTS
14	SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE OCCURRENCE. PENALTIES COLLECTED
15	BY THE DIVISION PURSUANT TO THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH (A) SHALL BE
16	PAID INTO THE UNEMPLOYMENT REVENUE FUND.
17	(B) This subparagraph (II) is effective on and after the
18	REPEAL OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a).
19	SECTION 16. 8-81-101 (4) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
20	amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:
21	8-81-101. Penalties. (4) (a) (IV) THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED
22	WITH AN OVERPAYMENT PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS
23	PARAGRAPH (a) SHALL BE MADE KNOWN TO INDIVIDUALS UPON FILING AN
24	UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 8-70-112.
25	SECTION 17. 8-81-101 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
26	amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:
27	8-81-101. Penalties. (4) (d) UPON FINAL DETERMINATION

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1	PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4), REPAYMENT OF AN
2	OVERPAYMENT THAT IS A RESULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S FALSE
3	REPRESENTATION OR WILLFUL FAILURE TO DISCLOSE A MATERIAL FACT
4	PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION
5	(4) SHALL BE MADE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.
6	SECTION 18. Appropriation. In addition to any other
7	appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the
8	employment support fund created in section 8-77-109 (1), Colorado
9	Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of labor
10	and employment, for allocation to the division of employment and
11	training, for unemployment insurance programs, for the fiscal year
12	beginning July 1, 2011, the sum of sixty-two thousand nine hundred
13	dollars (\$62,900) cash funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for
14	the implementation of this act.
15	SECTION 19. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1,
16	2011.
17	SECTION 20. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
18	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
19	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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