

Chapter 733

(Senate Bill 1169)

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance – Charge of Benefits – Waiver Due to Natural Disaster

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to waive the charge of benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit if the benefits are paid to a claimant during a certain period of unemployment because the employing unit shut down due to a natural disaster and the Governor declared a state of emergency due to the natural disaster; providing that the waiver may be in effect only for a certain period; and generally relating to the charge of unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating records of employing units.

BY adding to

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 8–611(k)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Labor and Employment

8–611.

(K) (1) THE SECRETARY MAY WAIVE THE CHARGE OF BENEFITS PAID TO A CLAIMANT AGAINST THE EARNED RATING RECORD OF AN EMPLOYING UNIT IF:

(I) THE BENEFITS ARE PAID TO THE CLAIMANT DURING A PERIOD IN WHICH THE CLAIMANT IS TEMPORARILY UNEMPLOYED BECAUSE THE EMPLOYING UNIT SHUT DOWN DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER; AND

(II) THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE NATURAL DISASTER.

(2) IF THE SECRETARY WAIVES THE CHARGE OF BENEFITS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE WAIVER MAY BE IN EFFECT ONLY UNTIL THE EARLIER OF:

(I) 4 MONTHS AFTER THE NATURAL DISASTER; OR

(II) THE DATE THE EMPLOYING UNIT REOPENS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 25, 2017.