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Referred to Committee on Labor, Industry and Professions

An Act concerning unemployment compensation and amending R. S. 43:21-19.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- 2 of New Jersey:
- 1. R. S. 43:21-19 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 43:21-19. Definitions. As used in this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1
- 3 et seq.) unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- 4 (a) (1) "Annual payroll" means the total amount of wages paid
- 5 during a calendar year (regardless of when earned) by an em-
- 6 ployer for employment.
- 7 (2) "Average annual payroll" means the average of the annual
- 8 payrolls of any employer for the last 3 or 5 preceding calendar
- 9 years, whichever average is higher, except that any year or years
- 10 throughout which an employer has had no "annual payroll"
- 11 because of military service shall be deleted from the reckoning;
- 12 the "average annual payroll" in such case is to be determined on
- 13 the basis of the prior 3 or 5 calendar years in each of which the
- 14 employer had an "annual payroll" in the operation of his business,
- 15 if the employer resumes his business within 12 months after
- 16 separation, discharge or release from such service, under conditions
- 17 other than dishonorable, and makes application to have his "aver-
- 18 age annual payroll" determined on the basis of such deletion
- 19 within 12 months after he resumes his business; provided, how-
- 20 ever, that "average annual payroll" solely for the purposes of
- 21 paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of section 43:21-7 of this Title
- 22 means the average of the annual payrolls of any employer on
- 23 which he paid contributions to the State disability benefits fund
- 24 for the last 3 or 5 preceding calendar years, whichever average is
- 25 higher; provided further, that only those wages be included on EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- 26 which employer contributions have been paid on or before January
- 27 31 (or the next succeeding day if such January 31 is a Saturday
- 28 or Sunday) immediately preceding the beginning of the 12 months'
- 29 period for which the employer's contribution rate is computed.
- 30 (b) "Benefits" means the money payments payable to an
- 31 individual, as provided in this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.),
- 32 with respect to his unemployment.
- 33 (c) "Base year" with respect to benefit years commencing on
- 34 or after January 1, 1953, shall mean the 52 calendar weeks ending
- 35 with the second week immediately preceding an individual's benefit
- 36 year.
- 37 (d) "Benefit year" with respect to any individual means the
- 38 364 consecutive calendar days beginning with the day on, or as of,
- 39 which he first files a valid claim for benefits, and thereafter
- 40 beginning with the day on, or as of, which the individual next files
- 41 a valid claim for benefits after the termination of his last preceding
- 42 benefit year. Any claim for benefits made in accordance with sub-
- 43 section (a) of section 43:21-6 of this Title shall be deemed to be a
- 44 "valid claim" for the purpose of this subsection if (1) no remunera-
- 45 tion was paid or is payable for the day on which, or as of which he
- 46 files a claim for benefits, and no work is available to him with his
- 47 current employing unit on such day, or, he is unemployed for the
- 48 week in which, or as of which, he files a claim for benefits; and (2)
- 49 he has fulfilled the conditions imposed by subsection (e) of section
- 50 43:21-4 of this Title.
- 51 (e) "Division" means the Division of Employment Security of
- 52 the Department of Labor and Industry established by c. 446, P. L.
- 53 1948, and any transaction or exercise of authority by the director
- 54 of the division thereunder, or under this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et
- 55 seq.), shall be deemed to be performed by the division.
- 56 (f) "Contributions" means the money payments to the State
- 57 Unemployment Compensation Fund required by R. S. 43:21-7.
- 58 "Payments in lieu of contributions" means the money payments
- 59 to the State Unemployment Compensation Fund by employers
- 60 electing or required to make payments in lieu of contributions as
- 61 provided in section 3 or section 4 of this act (C. 43:21-7.2 and
- 62 43:21-7.3).
- 63 (g) "Employing unit" means any individual or type of orga-
- 64 nization, including the State, its political subdivisions, the State and
- one or more other states, and the instrumentalities of the State and
- 66 of the State and one or more other states any partnership, associa-
- 67 tion, trust, estate, joint-stock company, insurance company or

- 68 corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee
- 69 in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal repre-
- 70 sentative of a deceased person, which has or subsequent to January
- 71 1, 1936, had in its employ one or more individuals performing
- 72 services for it within this State. All individuals performing
- 73 services within this State for any employing unit which maintains
- 74 two or more separate establishments within this State shall be
- 75 deemed to be employed by a single employing unit for all the pur-
- 76 poses of this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.). Each individual em-
- 77 ployed to perform or to assist in performing the work of any agent
- 78 or employee of an employing unit shall be deemed to be employed
- 79 by such employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter (R. S.
- 80 43:21-1 et seq.), whether such individual was hired or paid directly
- 81 by such employing unit or by such agent or employee; provided,
- 82 the employing unit had actual or constructive knowledge of the
- 83 work.
- 84 (h) "Employer" means:
- 85 (1) Any employing unit which after December 31, 1971, in either
- 86 the current or the preceding calendar year paid remuneration for
- 87 employment in the amount of \$1,000.00 or more;
- 88 (2) Any employing unit (whether or not an employing unit at the
- 89 time of acquisition) which acquired the organization, trade or
- 90 business, or substantially all the assets thereof, of another which
- 91 at the time of such acquisition was an employer subject to this
- 92 chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.);
- 93 (3) Any employing unit which acquired the organization, trade
- 94 or business, or substantially all the assets thereof, of another em-
- 95 ploying unit and which, if treated as a single unit with such other
- 96 employing unit, would be an employer under paragraph (1) of
- 97 this subsection;
- 98 (4) Any employing unit which together with one or more other
- 99 employing units is owned or controlled (by legally enforcible
- 100 means or otherwise), directly or indirectly by the same interests,
- 101 or which owns or controls one or more other employing units (by
- 102 legally enforcible means or otherwise), and which, if treated as
- 103 a single unit with such other employing unit or interest, would
- 104 be an employer under paragraph (1) of this subsection;
- 105 (5) Any employing unit for which service in employment as
- 106 defined in R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (1) (B), is performed after December
- 107 31, 1971;
- 108 (6) Any employing unit for which service in employment as 109 defined in R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (1) (C) is performed after December

- 110 31, 1971 and which in either the current or the preceding calendar 111 year paid remuneration for employment in the amount of \$1,000.00
- 112 or more;
- 113 (7) Any employing unit not an employer by reason of any other
- 114 paragraph of this subsection (h) for which, within either the
- 115 current or preceding calendar year, service is or was performed
- 116 with respect to which such employing unit is liable for any Federal
- 117 tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required
- 118 to be paid into a State unemployment fund; or which, as a condition
- 119 for approval of the Unemployment Compensation Law for full
- 120 tax credit against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment
- 121 Tax Act is required pursuant to such act to be an employer under
- 122 this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.);
- 123 (8) Any employing unit which, having become an employer under
- 124 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) has not, under section
- 125 43:21-8 ceased to be an employer subject to this chapter (R. S.
- 126 43:21-1 et seq.); or
- 127 (9) For the effective period of its election pursuant to R. S.
- 128 43:21-8 any other employing unit which has elected to become
- 129 fully subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.);
- 130 (10) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (6), employment
- 131 shall include service which would constitute employment but for
- 132 the fact that such services deemed to be performed entirely within
- 133 another state pursuant to an election under an arrangement
- 134 entered into under R. S. 43:21-21 between this State and an agency
- 135 charged with the administration of any other state or Federal
- 136 Unemployment Compensation Law.
- 137 (11) Any employing unit subject to the provisions of the Federal
- 138 Unemployment Tax Act within either the current or the preceding
- 139 calendar year except for employment hereinafter excluded under
- 140 paragraph (7) of subsection (i) of this section.
- 141 (i) (1) "Employment" means:
- 142 (A) Any service performed prior to January 1, 1972, which was
- 143 employment as defined in the Unemployment Compensation Law
- 144 (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) prior to such date, and, subject to the other
- 145 provisions of this subsection, service performed on or after January
- 146 1, 1972, including service in interstate commerce, performed for
- 147 remuneration or under any contract of hire, written or oral, ex-
- 148 press or implied.
- 149 (B) Service performed after December 31, 1971 by an individual
- 150 in the employ of this State or any of its instrumentalities or in
- 151 the employ of this State and one or more other states or their

- 152 instrumentalities for a hospital or institution of higher education
- 153 located in this State, if such service is not excluded from employ-
- 154 ment under paragraph (D) below.
- 155 (C) Service performed after December 31, 1971 by an individual
- 156 in the employ of a religious, charitable, educational, or other
- 157 organization, which is excluded from "employment" as defined in
- 158 the Federal Unemployment Tax Act solely by reason of section
- 159 3306 (c) (8) of that act, if such service is not excluded from em-
- 160 ployment under paragraph (D) below.
- 161 (D) For the purposes of paragraphs (B) and (C), the term
- 162 "employment" does not apply to services performed
- (i) in the employ of (I) a church or convention or association
- of churches, or (II) an organization which is operated pri-
- marily for religious purposes and which is operated, super-
- vised, controlled or principally supported by a church or
- 167 convention or association of churches;
- 168 (ii) by a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister
- of a church in the exercise of his ministry or by a member
- of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by such
- order;
- 172 (iii) in the employ of a school which is not an institution
- of higher education;
- (iv) in a facility conducted for the purpose of carrying out
- a program of rehabilitation of individuals whose earning
- capacity is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency
- or injury or providing remunerative work for individuals who
- because of their impaired physical or mental capacity cannot
- be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market by an
- individual receiving such rehabilitation or remunerative work;
- 181 (v) as part of an unemployment work-relief or work-training
- program assisted in whole or in part by any Federal agency
- or an agency of a State or political subdivision thereof, by an
- individual receiving such work relief or work training; or
- 185 (vi) for a hospital in a State prison or other State cor-
- rectional institution by an inmate of the prison or correctional
- institution.
- 188 (E) The term "employment" shall include the services of an
- 189 individual who is a citizen of the United States, performed outside
- 190 the United States (except in Canada or the Virgin Islands) after
- 191 December 31, 1971 in the employ of an American employer (other
- 192 than the service which is deemed employment under the provisions
- 193 of paragraphs 43:21-19 (i) (2) or (5) or the parallel provisions of
- 194 another State's Unemployment Compensation Law), if

- 195 (E) (i) The American employer's principal place of business 196 in the United States is located in this State; or
- 197 (E) (ii) The American employer has no place of business in
- 198 the United States, but (I) the American employer is an individual
- 199 who is a resident of this State; or (II) the American employer is
- 200 a corporation which is organized under the laws of this State; or
- 201 (III) the American employer is a partnership or trust and the
- 202 number of partners or trustees who are residents of this State is
- 203 greater than the number who are residents of any other state; or
- 204 (E) (iii) None of the criteria of divisions (i) and (ii) of this sub-
- 205 paragraph (E) is met but the American employer has elected to
- 206 become an employer subject to the Unemployment Compensation
- 207 Law (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) in this State, or the American employer
- 208 having failed to elect to become an employer in any state, the
- 209 individual has filed a claim for benefits, based on such service,
- 210 under the law of this State.
- 211 (E) (iv) An "American employer" for the purposes of this
- 212 subparagraph (E), means (I) an individual who is a resident of
- 213 the United States; or (II) a partnership if 3/3 or more of the
- 214 partners are residents of the United States; or (III) a trust, if
- 215 all the trustees are residents of the United States; or (IV) a
- 216 corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of
- 217 any state.
- 218 (F) Notwithstanding R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (2), all service per-
- 219 formed after January 1, 1972 by an officer or member of the crew
- 220 of an American vessel or American aircraft on or in connection
- 221 with such vessel or aircraft, if the operating office from which the
- 222 operations of such vessel or aircraft operating within, or within
- 223 and without, the United States are ordinarily and regularly super-
- 224 vised, managed, directed, and controlled, is within this State.
- 225 (G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
- 226 service in this State with respect to which the taxes required to
- 227 be paid under any Federal law imposing a tax against which credit
- 228 may be taken for contributions required to be paid into a State
- 229 unemployment fund or which as a condition for full tax credit
- 230 against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act is
- 231 required to be covered under the Unemployment Compensation Law
- 232 (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.).
- 233 (H) The term "United States" when used in a geographical
- 234 sense in subsection R. S. 43:21-19 (i) includes the States, the
- 235 District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

- 236 (2) The term "employment" shall include an individual's entire 237 service performed within or both within and without this State if:
- 238 (A) The service is localized in this State; or
- 239 (B) The service is not localized in any state but some of the 240 service is performed in this State, and (i) the base of operations, 241 or, if there is no base of operations, then the place from which 242 such service is directed or controlled, is in this State; or (ii) the 243 base of operations or place from which such service is directed or
- 244 controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is
- 245 performed, but the individual's residence is in this State.
- 246 (3) Services performed within this State but not covered under 247 paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be deemed to be employment 248 subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) if contributions are 249 not required and paid with respect to such services under an unem-250 ployment compensation law of any other state or of the Federal 251 Government.
- 252 (4) Services not covered under paragraph (2) of this subsection 253 and performed entirely without this State, with respect to no part 254 of which contributions are required and paid under an Unemploy-255 ment Compensation Law of any other state or of the Federal 256 Government, shall be deemed to be employment subject to this 257 chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) if the individual performing such 258 services is a resident of this State and the employing unit for 259 whom such services are performed files with the division an election 260 that the entire service of such individual shall be deemed to be 261 employment subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.).
- 262 (5) Service shall be deemed to be localized within a state if
- 263 (A) the service is performed entirely within such state; or
- 264 (B) the service is performed both within and without such state,
- 265 but the service performed without such state is incidental to the
- 266 individual's service within the State, for example, is temporary
- 267 or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions.
- 268 (6) Services performed by an individual for remuneration shall
- 269 be deemed to be employment subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1
- 270 et seq.) unless and until it is shown to the satisfaction of the division
- 271 that
- 272 (A) such individual has been and will continue to be free from
- 273 control or direction over the performance of such service, both
- 274 under his contract of service and in fact; and
- 275 (B) such service is either outside the usual course of the business 276 for which such service is performed, or that such service is per-
- 277 formed outside of all the places of business of the enterprise for
- 278 which such service is performed; and

- 279 (C) such individual is customarily engaged in an independently 280 established trade, occupation, profession or business.
- 281 (7) Provided that such services are also exempted under the
- 282 Federal Unemployment Tax Act, as amended, or that contributions
- 283 with respect to such services are not required to be paid into a
- 284 State Unemployment Fund as a condition for a tax offset credit
- 285 against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act,
- 286 as amended, the term "employment" shall not include
- 287 (A) Agricultural labor;
- 288 (B) Domestic service in a private home;
- 289 (C) Service performed by an individual in the employ of his
- 290 son, daughter or spouse, and service performed by a child under
- 291 the age of 21 in the employ of his father or mother;
- 292 (D) Service performed in the employ of this State or of any
- 293 political subdivision thereof or of any instrumentality of this State
- 294 or its political subdivisions except as provided in R. S. 43:21-19
- 295 (i) (1) (B) above, and service in the employ of the South Jersey
- 296 Port Commission or its successors;
- 297 (E) Service performed in the employ of any other state or its
- 298 political subdivisions or of an instrumentality of any other state
- 299 or states or their political subdivisions: to the extent that such
- 300 instrumentality is with respect to such service exempt under the
- 301 Constitution of the United States from the tax imposed under the
- 302 Federal Unemployment Tax Act, as amended, except as provided
- 303 in R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (1) (B) above;
- 304 (F) Service performed in the employ of the United States
- 305 Government or of an instrumentality of the United States exempt
- 306 under the Constitution of the United States from the contributions
- 307 imposed by the Unemployment Compensation Law, except that to
- 308 the extent that the Congress of the United States shall permit
- 309 states to require any instrumentalities of the United States to make
- 310 payments into an unemployment fund under a State Unemployment
- 311 Compensation Law, all of the provisions of this act shall be
- 312 applicable to such instrumentalities, and to service performed for
- 313 such instrumentalities, in the same manner, to the same extent and
- 314 on the same terms as to all other employers, employing units,
- 315 individuals and services; provided, that if this State shall not be
- 316 certified for any year by the Secretary of Labor of the United
- 317 States under section 3304 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code
- 318 (26 U.S. C., sec. 3304), the payments required of such instru-
- 319 mentalities with respect to such year shall be refunded by the

- 320 division from the fund in the same manner and within the same
- 321 period as is provided in R. S. 43:21-14 (f) with respect to con-
- 322 tributions erroneously paid to or collected by the division;
- 323 (G) Services performed in the employ of fraternal beneficiary
- 324 societies, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system
- 325 or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself
- 326 operating under the lodge system and providing for the payment
- 327 of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such
- 328 society, order, or association, or their dependents;
- 329 (H) Services performed as a member of the board of directors,
- 330 a board of trustees, a board of managers, or a committee of any
- 331 bank, building and loan or savings and loan association, incorpo-
- 332 rated or organized under the laws of this State or of the United
- 333 States, where such services do not constitute the principal employ-
- 334 ment of the individual;
- 335 (I) Service with respect to which unemployment insurance is
- 336 payable under an unemployment insurance program established
- 337 by an Act of Congress;
- 338 (J) Service performed by agents of mutual fund brokers or
- 339 dealers in the sale of mutual funds or other securities, by agents
- 340 of insurance companies, exclusive of industrial insurance agents,
- 341 or by agents of investment companies, if the compensation to such
- 342 agents for such services is wholly on a commission basis;
- 343 (K) Services performed by real estate salesmen or brokers who
- 344 are compensated wholly on a commission basis;
- 345 (L) Services performed in the employ of any veterans' organiza-
- 346 tion chartered by Act of Congress or of any auxiliary thereof,
- 347 no part of the net earnings of which organization, or auxiliary
- 348 thereof, inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or
- 349 individual;
- 350 (M) Service performed for or in behalf of the owner or operator
- 351 of any theatre, ballroom, amusement hall or other place of enter-
- 352 tainment, not in excess of 10 weeks in any calendar year for the
- 353 same owner or operator, by any leader or musician of a band or
- 354 orchestra, commonly called a "name band," entertainer, vaudeville
- 355 artist, actor, actress, singer or other entertainer;
- 356 (N) Services performed after January 1, 1971 by an individual
- 357 for a labor union organization, known and recognized as a union
- 358 local, as a member of a committee or committees reimbursed by
- 359 the union local for time lost from regular employment, or as a
- 360 part-time officer of a union local and the remuneration for such
- 361 services is less than \$\$250.00 \$\$1,000.00 in a calendar year;

- 362 (O) Services performed in the sale or distribution of merchan-363 dise by home-to-home salespersons or in-the-home demonstrators 364 whose remuneration consists wholly of commissions or commissions 365 and bonuses,
- 366 (P) Service performed in the employ of a foreign government, 367 including service as a consular, nondiplomatic representative, or 368 other officer or employee;
- 369 (Q) Service performed in the employ of an instrumentality 370 wholly owned by a foreign government if (i) the service is of a 371 character similar to that performed in foreign countries by em-372 ployees of the United States Government or of an instrumentality 373 thereof, and (ii) the division finds that the United States Secretary 374 of State has certified to the United States Secretary of the Treasury 375 that the foreign government with respect to whose instrumentality 376 exemption is claimed, grants an equivalent exemption with respect 377 to similar services performed in the foreign country by employees 378 of the United States Government and of instrumentalities thereof; 379 (R) Service in the employ of an international organization 380 entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions and immunities under 381 the International Organization Immunities Act (22 U. S. C. 288 382 et seq.);
- 383 (S) Service covered by an election duly approved by an agency 384 charged with the administration of any other state or Federal 385 Unemployment Compensation or Employment Security Law, in 386 accordance with an arrangement pursuant to R. S. 43:21-21 during 387 the effective period of such election;
- (T) Service performed in the employ of a school, college, or 388 389 university if such service is performed (i) by a student enrolled 390 at such school, college, or university on a full-time basis in an 391 educational program or completing such educational program 392 leading to a degree at any of the severally recognized levels, or 393 (ii) by the spouse of such a student, if such spouse is advised at 394 the time such spouse commences to perform such service that (I) 395 the employment of such spouse to perform such service is provided 396 under a program to provide financial assistance to such student 397 by such school, college, or university, and (II) such employment 398 will not be covered by any program of unemployment insurance: (U) Service performed by an individual under the age of 22 who 399400 is enrolled at a nonprofit or public educational institution which 401 normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally 402 has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the 403 place where its educational activities are carried on, as a student

404 in a full-time program, taken for credit at such institution, which

405 combines academic instruction with work experience, if such service

406 is an integral part of such program, and such institution has so

407 certified to the employer, except that this subparagraph shall not

408 apply to service performed in a program established for or on

409 behalf of an employer or group of employers;

410 (V) Service performed in the employ of a hospital, if such ser-

411 vice is performed by a patient of the hospital; service performed

412 as a student nurse in the employ of a hospital or a nurses' training

413 school by an individual who is enrolled and regularly attending

414 classes in a nurses' training school approved under the laws of

415 this State; and service performed as an intern in the employ of

416 a hospital by an individual who has completed a 4-year course in

417 a medical school approved pursuant to the law of this State.

418 (8) If ½ or more of the services in any pay period performed

419 by an individual for an employing unit constitutes employment,

420 all the services of such individual shall be deemed to be employ-

421 ment; but if less than ½ of the service in any pay period performed

422 by an individual for an employing unit does not constitute employ-

423 ment, then none of the service of such individual shall be deemed

424 to be employment. As used in this paragraph, the term "pay

425 period" means a period of not more than 31 consecutive days for

426 which a payment for service is ordinarily made by an employing

427 unit to individuals in its employ.

428 (j) "Employment office" means a free public employment office,

429 or branch thereof operated by this State or maintained as a part

430 of a State-controlled system of public employment offices.

431 (k) "Fund" means the unemployment compensation fund estab-

432 lished by this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.), to which all con-

433 tributions required and from which all benefits provided under this

434 chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) shall be paid.

435 (1) "State" includes, in addition to the states of the United

436 States of America, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands

437 and Puerto Rico.

438 (m) Unemployment.

439 (1) An individual shall be deemed "unemployed" for any week

440 during which he is not engaged in full-time work and with respect

441 to which his remuneration is less than his weekly benefit rate,

442 including any week during which he is on vacation without pay;

443 provided, such vacation is not the result of the individual's volun-

444 tary action.

- 445 (2) The term "remuneration," with respect to any individual 446 for benefit years commencing on or after July 1, 1961, and as used 447 in this subsection, shall include only that part of the same which 448 in any week exceeds 20% of his weekly benefit rate (fractional 449 parts of a dollar omitted) or \$5.00 whichever is the larger.
- 450 (3) An individual's week of unemployment shall be deemed to 451 commence only after his registration at an employment office, 452 except as the division may by regulation otherwise prescribe.
- 453 (n) "Unemployment compensation administration fund" means 454 the unemployment compensation administration fund established 455 by this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.), from which administrative 456 expenses under this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) shall be paid. (o) "Wages" means remuneration paid by employers for em-457 458 ployment; provided, however, that for eligibility and benefit pur-459 poses wages earned but not paid when the amount thereof has 460 been calculated and is due as determined by the established and 461 customary practices of the employer shall be construed as having 462 been paid when earned. If a worker receives gratuities regularly 463 in the course of his employment from others than his employer, 464 his "wages" shall also include the gratuities so received if reported 465 in writing to his employer in accordance with regulations of the 466 Division of Employment Security, and if not so reported, his 467 "wages" shall be determined in accordance with the minimum 468 wage rates prescribed under any labor law or regulation of this 469 State or of the United States, or the amount or remuneration 470 actually received by the employee from his employer, whichever 471 is the higher.
- 472 (p) "Remuneration" means all compensation for personal ser-473 vices, including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all 474 compensation in any medium other than cash.
- 475 (q) "Week" means such period or periods of 7 consecutive days 476 ending at midnight, as the division may by regulation prescribe.
- 477 (r) "Calendar quarter" means the period of 3 consecutive 478 calendar months ending on March 31, June 30, September 30, or 479 December 31.
- 480 (s) "Investment company" means any company as defined in 481 paragraph 1-a of c. 322 of the laws of 1938, entitled "An act 482 concerning investment companies, and supplementing Title 17 of 483 the Revised Statutes by adding thereto a new chapter entitled 484 'investment companies.'"
- 485 (t) "Base week" means any calendar week of an individual's 486 base year during which he earned in employment from an employer 487 remuneration equal to not less than \$15.00; provided, if in any

488 calendar week, an individual is in employment with more than 489 one employer, he may in such calendar week establish a base week 490 with respect to each such employer from whom the individual 491 earns remuneration equal to not less than \$15.00 during such week. 492(u) "Average weekly wage" means the amount derived by 493 dividing an individual's total wages received during his base year 494 base weeks (as defined in subsection (t) of this section) from that 495 most recent base year employer with whom he has established at 496 least 17 base weeks, by the number of base weeks in which such 497 wages were earned. In the event that such claimant had no em-498 ployer in his base year with whom he had established at least 17 499 base weeks, then such individual's average weekly wage shall be 500 computed as if all of his base week wages were received from one 501 employer and as if all his base weeks of employment had been 502 performed in the employ of one employer.

If on application of a claimant it is determined that he has been 504 employed during at least the 4 weeks immediately preceding his 505 separation from employment by an employer on a substantially 506 reduced schedule of weekly hours due to lack of work, all weeks 507 of substantially reduced schedule within the base period and his 508 wages therefor shall be disregarded in computing his average 509 weekly wage.

(v) "Initial determination" means, subject to the provisions of R. S. 43:21-6 (b) (2) and (3), a determination of benefit rights as 512 measured by an eligible individual's base year employment with a 513 single employer covering all periods of employment with that em-514 ployer during the base year. Subject to the provisions of R. S. 515 43:21-3 (d) (3) if an individual has been in employment in his 516 base year with more than one employer, no benefits shall be paid to 517 that individual under any successive initial determination until his 518 benefit rights have been exhausted under the next preceding initial 519 determination.

- 520 (w) "Last date of employment" means the last calendar day in 521 the base year of an individual on which he performed services in 522 employment for a given employer.
- 523 (x) "Most recent base year employer" means that employer 524 with whom the individual most recently, in point of time, performed 525 services in employment in the base year.
- 526 (y) "Institution of higher education" means an educational 527 institution which
- 528 (1) admits as regular students only individuals having a cer-529 tificate of graduation from a high school, or the recognized equiv-530 alent of such a certificate;

- 531 (2) is legally authorized in this State to provide a program of 532 education beyond high school;
- 533 (3) provides an educational program for which it awards a 534 bachelor's or higher degree, or provides a program which is
- 535 acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, a program of post-
- 526 anadusts on root dectanal studies on a rusanam of training to
- 536 graduate or post-doctoral studies, or a program of training to
- 537 prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupa-
- 538 tion; and
- 539 (4) is a public or other nonprofit institution.
- 540 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this subsec-
- 541 tion, all colleges and universities in this State are institutions of
- 542 higher education for purposes of this section.
- 543 (z) "Hospital" means an institution which has been licensed,
- 544 certified or approved under the law of this State as a hospital.
- 1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

In 1951, an amendment to the Unemployment Compensation Law excluded from the definition of "employment" certain services performed by a committee member or part-time officer for a labor union organization. The exclusion applies where remuneration for services is less than \$250.00 per calendar year.

This bill would increase the exclusion amount from \$250.00 to \$1,000.00 per calendar year for services rendered after January 1, 1971. In the 21 years since this provision was written in the law, salary and wage levels have more than trebled. The proposed exclusion amount recognizes the inflation and wage level changes that have occurred since 1951.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

March 2, 1973

SENATE BILL NO. 982

To the Senate:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 1, Paragraph 14(b) of the Constitution, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 982 with my objections, for reconsideration.

Senate Bill No. 982 would make a slight change in the State's
Unemployment Compensation Law. In 1951, an amendment to the Unemployment
Compensation Law was enacted to exclude from the definition of "employment"
those services performed by a committee member or part-time officer of
a labor union local when the remuneration for such services is less than
\$250 in a calendar year. Senate Bill No. 982 would increase the amount
of remuneration in this exclusion from \$250 to \$1,000 in recognition of
inflation and wage level changes since 1951. The amendment would apply
to all services performed after January 1, 1971.

I am in agreement with the change which would be made in the amount of remuneration involved, but the retroactive aspect of the bill creates unnecessary and unacceptable problems. The United States Secretary of Labor must review and approve all State unemployment compensation legislation adopted pursuant to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and he has advised me that the effective date of January 1, 1971 set forth in Senate Bill No. 982 on page 9, line 356 should be changed to January 1, 1973 in order to avoid a problem of conformity with Federal law.

If the January 1, 1971 date were to become law in New Jersey, it could be construed to require New Jersey to refund 1971 and 1972 contributions which were made in compliance with the law in those years. However, federal law provides only for refunds of "erroneous" payments. Since the 1971 and 1972 contributions, being required by law, were not "erroneous" payments, they could not be refunded without creating a lack of conformity with Federal legislation. One consequence would be that the United States Secretary of Labor could refuse to certify for payment to New Jersey the amount otherwise available to this State for the purpose of assisting in the administration of our unemployment compensation law. 42 U.S.C. \$8501 et seq. The other adverse consequence would be that employers could lose their credit against

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the Federal Unemployment Tax Act for the amount of contributions paid into the State Unemployment Compensation Fund if the law is found to be non-conforming. 26 U.S.C. §§ 3301 et seq.

These serious problems would be avoided if the change from \$250 to \$1,000 in R.S. 43:21-19(i)(7)(N) were made applicable to services performed after January 1, 1973.

Accordingly, I herewith return Senate Bill No. 982 for reconsideration and recommend the following change:

Page 9, Section 1, Line 356: Delete "1971" and insert "1973" in lieu thereof.

Respect fully,

/s/ William T. Cahill

GOVERNOR

[seal]

Attest:

/s/ Jean E. Mulford

Acting Secretary to the Governor

SENATE AMENDMENT TO

SENATE, No. 982

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MARCH 26, 1973

Amend page 9, section 1, line 356, delete "1971", and insert "1973" in lieu thereof.

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SENATE, No. 982

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 4, 1972

By Senators BROWN, AZZOLINA, ITALIANO, DODD, GIULIANO, MARAZITI, HIRKALA, CAFIERO and HOLLENBECK

Referred to Committee on Labor, Industry and Professions

An Act concerning unemployment compensation and amending R. S. 43:21-19.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
- 2 of New Jersey:
- 1 1. R. S. 43:21-19 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 43:21-19. Definitions. As used in this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1
- 3 et seq.) unless the context clearly requires otherwise:
- 4 (a) (1) "Annual payroll" means the total amount of wages paid
- 5 during a calendar year (regardless of when earned) by an em-
- 6 ployer for employment.
- 7 (2) "Average annual payroll" means the average of the annual
- 8 payrolls of any employer for the last 3 or 5 preceding calendar
- 9 years, whichever average is higher, except that any year or years
- 10 throughout which an employer has had no "annual payroll"
- 11 because of military service shall be deleted from the reckoning;
- 12 the "average annual payroll" in such case is to be determined on
- 13 the basis of the prior 3 or 5 calendar years in each of which the
- 14 employer had an "annual payroll" in the operation of his business,
- 15 if the employer resumes his business within 12 months after
- 16 separation, discharge or release from such service, under conditions
- 17 other than dishonorable, and makes application to have his "aver-
- 18 age annual payroll" determined on the basis of such deletion
- within 12 months after he resumes his business; provided, how-20 ever, that "average annual payroll" solely for the purposes of
- ever, that "average annual payroll" solely for the purposes of paragraph (3) of subsection (e) of section 43:21-7 of this Title
- 22 means the average of the annual payrolls of any employer on
- 23 which he paid contributions to the State disability benefits fund
- 24 for the last 3 or 5 preceding calendar years, whichever average is
- 25 higher; provided further, that only those wages be included on EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- 26 which employer contributions have been paid on or before January
- 27 31 (or the next succeeding day if such January 31 is a Saturday
- 28 or Sunday) immediately preceding the beginning of the 12 months'
- 29 period for which the employer's contribution rate is computed.
- 30 (b) "Benefits" means the money payments payable to an
- 31 individual, as provided in this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.),
- 32 with respect to his unemployment.
- 33 (c) "Base year" with respect to benefit years commencing on
- 34 or after January 1, 1953, shall mean the 52 calendar weeks ending
- 35 with the second week immediately preceding an individual's benefit
- 36 year.
- 37 (d) "Benefit year" with respect to any individual means the
- 38 364 consecutive calendar days beginning with the day on, or as of,
- 39 which he first files a valid claim for benefits, and thereafter
- 40 beginning with the day on, or as of, which the individual next files
- 41 a valid claim for benefits after the termination of his last preceding
- 42 benefit year. Any claim for benefits made in accordance with sub-
- 43 section (a) of section 43:21-6 of this Title shall be deemed to be a
- 44 "valid claim" for the purpose of this subsection if (1) no remunera-
- 45 tion was paid or is payable for the day on which, or as of which he
- 46 files a claim for benefits, and no work is available to him with his
- 47 current employing unit on such day, or, he is unemployed for the
- 48 week in which, or as of which, he files a claim for benefits; and (2)
- 49 he has fulfilled the conditions imposed by subsection (e) of section
- 50 43:21-4 of this Title.
- 51 (e) "Division" means the Division of Employment Security of
- 52 the Department of Labor and Industry established by c. 446, P. L.
- 53 1948, and any transaction or exercise of authority by the director
- 54 of the division thereunder, or under this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et
- 55 seq.), shall be deemed to be performed by the division.
- 56 (f) "Contributions" means the money payments to the State
- 57 Unemployment Compensation Fund required by R. S. 43:21-7.
- 58 "Payments in lieu of contributions" means the money payments
- 59 to the State Unemployment Compensation Fund by employers
- 60 electing or required to make payments in lieu of contributions as
- 61 provided in section 3 or section 4 of this act (C. 43:21-7.2 and
- 62 43:21-7.3).
- 63 (g) "Employing unit" means any individual or type of orga-
- 64 nization, including the State, its political subdivisions, the State and
- one or more other states, and the instrumentalities of the State and
- 66 of the State and one or more other states any partnership, associa-
- 67 tion, trust, estate, joint-stock company, insurance company or

- 68 corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or the receiver, trustee
- 69 in bankruptcy, trustee or successor thereof, or the legal repre-
- 70 sentative of a deceased person, which has or subsequent to January
- 71 1, 1936, had in its employ one or more individuals performing
- 72 services for it within this State. All individuals performing
- 73 services within this State for any employing unit which maintains
- 74 two or more separate establishments within this State shall be
- 75 deemed to be employed by a single employing unit for all the pur-
- 76 poses of this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.). Each individual em-
- 77 ployed to perform or to assist in performing the work of any agent
- 78 or employee of an employing unit shall be deemed to be employed
- 79 by such employing unit for all the purposes of this chapter (R. S.
- 80 43:21-1 et seq.), whether such individual was hired or paid directly
- 81 by such employing unit or by such agent or employee; provided,
- 82 the employing unit had actual or constructive knowledge of the
- 83 work.

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- (h) "Employer" means:
- 85 (1) Any employing unit which after December 31, 1971, in either
- 86 the current or the preceding calendar year paid remuneration for
- 87 employment in the amount of \$1,000.00 or more;
- 88 (2) Any employing unit (whether or not an employing unit at the
- 89 time of acquisition) which acquired the organization, trade or
- 90 business, or substantially all the assets thereof, of another which
- 91 at the time of such acquisition was an employer subject to this
- 92 chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.);
- 93 (3) Any employing unit which acquired the organization, trade
- 94 or business, or substantially all the assets thereof, of another em-
- 95 ploying unit and which, if treated as a single unit with such other
- 96 employing unit, would be an employer under paragraph (1) of
- 97 this subsection;
- 98 (4) Any employing unit which together with one or more other
- 99 employing units is owned or controlled (by legally enforcible
- 100 means or otherwise), directly or indirectly by the same interests,
- 101 or which owns or controls one or more other employing units (by
- 102 legally enforcible means or otherwise), and which, if treated as
- 103 a single unit with such other employing unit or interest, would
- 104 be an employer under paragraph (1) of this subsection;
- 105 (5) Any employing unit for which service in employment as
- 106 defined in R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (1) (B), is performed after December
- 107 31, 1971;
- 108 (6) Any employing unit for which service in employment as 109 defined in R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (1) (C) is performed after December

- 110 31, 1971 and which in either the current or the preceding calendar
- 111 year paid remuneration for employment in the amount of \$1,000.00
- 112 or more;
- 113 (7) Any employing unit not an employer by reason of any other
- 114 paragraph of this subsection (h) for which, within either the
- 115 current or preceding calendar year, service is or was performed
- 116 with respect to which such employing unit is liable for any Federal
- 117 tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required
- 118 to be paid into a State unemployment fund; or which, as a condition
- 119 for approval of the Unemployment Compensation Law for full
- 120 tax credit against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment
- 121 Tax Act is required pursuant to such act to be an employer under
- 122 this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.);
- 123 (8) Any employing unit which, having become an employer under
- 124 paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) or (7) has not, under section
- 125 43:21-8 ceased to be an employer subject to this chapter (R. S.
- 126 43:21-1 et seq.); or
- 127 (9) For the effective period of its election pursuant to R. S.
- 128 43:21-8 any other employing unit which has elected to become
- 129 fully subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.);
- 130 (10) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (6), employment
- 131 shall include service which would constitute employment but for
- 132 the fact that such services deemed to be performed entirely within
- 133 another state pursuant to an election under an arrangement
- 134 entered into under R. S. 43:21-21 between this State and an agency
- 135 charged with the administration of any other state or Federal
- 136 Unemployment Compensation Law.
- 137 (11) Any employing unit subject to the provisions of the Federal
- 138 Unemployment Tax Act within either the current or the preceding
- 139 calendar year except for employment hereinafter excluded under
- 140 paragraph (7) of subsection (i) of this section.
- 141 (i) (1) "Employment" means:
- 142 (A) Any service performed prior to January 1, 1972, which was
- 143 employment as defined in the Unemployment Compensation Law
- 144 (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) prior to such date, and, subject to the other
- 145 provisions of this subsection, service performed on or after January
- 146 1, 1972, including service in interstate commerce, performed for
- 147 remuneration or under any contract of hire, written or oral, ex-
- 148 press or implied.
- 149 (B) Service performed after December 31, 1971 by an individual
- 150 in the employ of this State or any of its instrumentalities or in
- 151 the employ of this State and one or more other states or their

- 152 instrumentalities for a hospital or institution of higher education
- 153 located in this State, if such service is not excluded from employ-
- 154 ment under paragraph (D) below.
- (C) Service performed after December 31, 1971 by an individual
- 156 in the employ of a religious, charitable, educational, or other
- 157 organization, which is excluded from "employment" as defined in
- 158 the Federal Unemployment Tax Act solely by reason of section
- 159 3306 (c) (8) of that act, if such service is not excluded from em-
- 160 ployment under paragraph (D) below.
- (D) For the purposes of paragraphs (B) and (C), the term
- 162 "employment" does not apply to services performed
- 163 (i) in the employ of (I) a church or convention or association
- of churches, or (II) an organization which is operated pri-164
- 165 marily for religious purposes and which is operated, super-
- vised, controlled or principally supported by a church or 166
- convention or association of churches; 167
- (ii) by a duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed minister 168
- of a church in the exercise of his ministry or by a member 169
- of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by such 170
- 171 order;
- (iii) in the employ of a school which is not an institution 172
- 173 of higher education;
- (iv) in a facility conducted for the purpose of carrying out 174
- a program of rehabilitation of individuals whose earning 175
- capacity is impaired by age or physical or mental deficiency 176
- or injury or providing remunerative work for individuals who 177
- because of their impaired physical or mental capacity cannot 178
- be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market by an 179
- individual receiving such rehabilitation or remunerative work; 180
- (v) as part of an unemployment work-relief or work-training 181
- program assisted in whole or in part by any Federal agency 182
- or an agency of a State or political subdivision thereof, by an 183
- individual receiving such work relief or work training; or 184
- (vi) for a hospital in a State prison or other State cor-185 rectional institution by an inmate of the prison or correctional
- 187 institution.

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- (E) The term "employment" shall include the services of an 188
- 189 individual who is a citizen of the United States, performed outside
- 190 the United States (except in Canada or the Virgin Islands) after
- 191 December 31, 1971 in the employ of an American employer (other
- 192 than the service which is deemed employment under the provisions
- 193 of paragraphs 43:21-19 (i) (2) or (5) or the parallel provisions of
- 194 another State's Unemployment Compensation Law), if

- 195 (E) (i) The American employer's principal place of business 196 in the United States is located in this State; or
- 197 (E) (ii) The American employer has no place of business in 198 the United States, but (I) the American employer is an individual
- 136 the Officed States, but (1) the American employer is an individual
- 199 who is a resident of this State; or (II) the American employer is
- 200 a corporation which is organized under the laws of this State; or
- 201 (III) the American employer is a partnership or trust and the
- 202 number of partners or trustees who are residents of this State is 203 greater than the number who are residents of any other state; or
- 204 (E) (iii) None of the criteria of divisions (i) and (ii) of this sub-
- 205 paragraph (E) is met but the American employer has elected to
- 206 become an employer subject to the Unemployment Compensation
- 207 Law (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) in this State, or the American employer
- 208 having failed to elect to become an employer in any state, the
- 209 individual has filed a claim for benefits, based on such service,
- 210 under the law of this State.
- 211 (E) (iv) An "American employer" for the purposes of this
- 212 subparagraph (E), means (I) an individual who is a resident of
- 213 the United States; or (II) a partnership if 3/3 or more of the
- 214 partners are residents of the United States; or (III) a trust, if
- 215 all the trustees are residents of the United States; or (IV) a
- 216 corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of
- 217 any state.
- 218 (F) Notwithstanding R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (2), all service per-
- 219 formed after January 1, 1972 by an officer or member of the crew
- 220 of an American vessel or American aircraft on or in connection
- 221 with such vessel or aircraft, if the operating office from which the
- 222 operations of such vessel or aircraft operating within, or within
- 223 and without, the United States are ordinarily and regularly super-
- 224 vised, managed, directed, and controlled, is within this State.
- 225 (G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
- 226 service in this State with respect to which the taxes required to
- 227 be paid under any Federal law imposing a tax against which credit 228 may be taken for contributions required to be paid into a State
- 229 unemployment fund or which as a condition for full tax credit
- 230 against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act is
- 231 required to be covered under the Unemployment Compensation Law
- 232 (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.).
- 233 (H) The term "United States" when used in a geographical
- 234 sense in subsection R. S. 43:21-19 (i) includes the States, the
- 235 District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

- 236 (2) The term "employment" shall include an individual's entire 237 service performed within or both within and without this State if:
- 238 (A) The service is localized in this State; or
- 239 (B) The service is not localized in any state but some of the 240 service is performed in this State, and (i) the base of operations,
- 241 or, if there is no base of operations, then the place from which
- 242 such service is directed or controlled, is in this State; or (ii) the
- 243 base of operations or place from which such service is directed or
- 244 controlled is not in any state in which some part of the service is
- 245 performed, but the individual's residence is in this State.
- 246 (3) Services performed within this State but not covered under
- 247 paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be deemed to be employment
- 248 subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) if contributions are
- 249 not required and paid with respect to such services under an unem-
- 250 ployment compensation law of any other state or of the Federal
- 251 Government.
- 252 (4) Services not covered under paragraph (2) of this subsection
- 253 and performed entirely without this State, with respect to no part
- 254 of which contributions are required and paid under an Unemploy-
- 255 ment Compensation Law of any other state or of the Federal
- 256 Government, shall be deemed to be employment subject to this
- 257 chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) if the individual performing such
- 258 services is a resident of this State and the employing unit for
- 259 whom such services are performed files with the division an election
- 260 that the entire service of such individual shall be deemed to be
- 261 employment subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.).
- 262 (5) Service shall be deemed to be localized within a state if
- 263 (A) the service is performed entirely within such state; or
- 264 (B) the service is performed both within and without such state,
- 265 but the service performed without such state is incidental to the
- 266 individual's service within the State, for example, is temporary
- 267 or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions.
- 268 (6) Services performed by an individual for remuneration shall
- 269 be deemed to be employment subject to this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1
- 270 et seq.) unless and until it is shown to the satisfaction of the division
- 271 that
- 272 (A) such individual has been and will continue to be free from
- 273 control or direction over the performance of such service, both
- 274 under his contract of service and in fact; and
- 275 (B) such service is either outside the usual course of the business
- 276 for which such service is performed, or that such service is per-
- 277 formed outside of all the places of business of the enterprise for
- 278 which such service is performed; and

- 279 (C) such individual is customarily engaged in an independently 280 established trade, occupation, profession or business.
- 281 (7) Provided that such services are also exempted under the 282 Federal Unemployment Tax Act, as amended, or that contributions
- 283 with respect to such services are not required to be paid into a
- 284 State Unemployment Fund as a condition for a tax offset credit
- 285 against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act,
- 286 as amended, the term "employment" shall not include
- 287 (A) Agricultural labor;
- 288 (B) Domestic service in a private home;
- 289 (C) Service performed by an individual in the employ of his
- 290 son, daughter or spouse, and service performed by a child under
- 291 the age of 21 in the employ of his father or mother;
- 292 (D) Service performed in the employ of this State or of any
- 293 political subdivision thereof or of any instrumentality of this State
- 294 or its political subdivisions except as provided in R. S. 43:21-19
- 295 (i) (1) (B) above, and service in the employ of the South Jersey
- 296 Port Commission or its successors;
- 297 (E) Service performed in the employ of any other state or its
- 298 political subdivisions or of an instrumentality of any other state
- 299 or states or their political subdivisions: to the extent that such
- 300 instrumentality is with respect to such service exempt under the
- 301 Constitution of the United States from the tax imposed under the
- 302 Federal Unemployment Tax Act, as amended, except as provided
- 303 in R. S. 43:21-19 (i) (1) (B) above;
- 304 (F) Service performed in the employ of the United States
- 305 Government or of an instrumentality of the United States exempt
- 306 under the Constitution of the United States from the contributions
- 307 imposed by the Unemployment Compensation Law, except that to
- 308 the extent that the Congress of the United States shall permit
- 309 states to require any instrumentalities of the United States to make
- 310 payments into an unemployment fund under a State Unemployment
- 311 Compensation Law, all of the provisions of this act shall be
- 312 applicable to such instrumentalities, and to service performed for
- 313 such instrumentalities, in the same manner, to the same extent and
- 314 on the same terms as to all other employers, employing units,
- 315 individuals and services; provided, that if this State shall not be
- 316 certified for any year by the Secretary of Labor of the United
- 317 States under section 3304 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code
- 318 (26 U. S. C., sec. 3304), the payments required of such instru-
- 319 mentalities with respect to such year shall be refunded by the

- 320 division from the fund in the same manner, and within the same
- 321 period as is provided in R. S. 43:21-14 (f) with respect to con-
- 322 tributions erroneously paid to or collected by the division;
- 323 (G) Services performed in the employ of fraternal beneficiary
- 324 societies, orders, or associations operating under the lodge system
- 325 or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself
- 326 operating under the lodge system and providing for the payment
- 327 of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such
- 328 society, order, or association, or their dependents;
- 329 (H) Services performed as a member of the board of directors,
- 330 a board of trustees, a board of managers, or a committee of any
- 331 bank, building and loan or savings and loan association, incorpo-
- 332 rated or organized under the laws of this State or of the United
- 333 States, where such services do not constitute the principal employ-
- 334 ment of the individual:
- 335 (I) Service with respect to which unemployment insurance is
- 336 payable under an unemployment insurance program established
- 337 by an Act of Congress:
- 338 (J) Service performed by agents of mutual fund brokers or
- 339 dealers in the sale of mutual funds or other securities, by agents
- 340 of insurance companies, exclusive of industrial insurance agents,
- 341 or by agents of investment companies, if the compensation to such
- 342 agents for such services is wholly on a commission basis;
- 343 (K) Services performed by real estate salesmen or brokers who
- 344 are compensated wholly on a commission basis:
- 345 (L) Services performed in the employ of any veterans' organiza-
- 346 tion chartered by Act of Congress or of any auxiliary thereof,
- 347 no part of the net earnings of which organization, or auxiliary
- 348 thereof, inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or
- 349 individual;
- 350 (M) Service performed for or in behalf of the owner or operator
- 351 of any theatre, ballroom, amusement hall or other place of enter-
- 352 tainment, not in excess of 10 weeks in any calendar year for the
- 353 same owner or operator, by any leader or musician of a band or
- 354 orchestra, commonly called a "name band," entertainer, vaudeville
- 355 artist, actor, actress, singer or other entertainer;
- 356 (N) Services performed after January 1, *[1971]* *1973* by an
- 357 individual for a labor union organization, known and recognized as
- 358 a union local, as a member of a committee or committees reimbursed
- 359 by the union local for time lost from regular employment, or as a
- 360 part-time officer of a union local and the remuneration for such
- 361 services is less than [\$250.00] \$1,000.00 in a calendar year;

- 362 (O) Services performed in the sale or distribution of merchan-363 dise by home-to-home salespersons or in-the-home demonstrators 364 whose remuneration consists wholly of commissions or commissions 365 and bonuses.
- 366 (P) Service performed in the employ of a foreign government, 367 including service as a consular, nondiplomatic representative, or 368 other officer or employee;
- 369 (Q) Service performed in the employ of an instrumentality 370 wholly owned by a foreign government if (i) the service is of a 371 character similar to that performed in foreign countries by em-372 ployees of the United States Government or of an instrumentality 373 thereof, and (ii) the division finds that the United State's Secretary 374 of State has certified to the United States Secretary of the Treasury 375 that the foreign government with respect to whose instrumentality 376 exemption is claimed, grants an equivalent exemption with respect 377 to similar services performed in the foreign country by employees 378 of the United States Government and of instrumentalities thereof; 379 (R) Service in the employ of an international organization 380 entitled to enjoy the privileges, exemptions and immunities under 381 the International Organization Immunities Act (22 U. S. C. 288 382 et seq.);
- 383 (S) Service covered by an election duly approved by an agency 384 charged with the administration of any other state or Federal 385 Unemployment Compensation or Employment Security Law, in 386 accordance with an arrangement pursuant to R. S. 43:21-21 during 387 the effective period of such election;
- 388 (T) Service performed in the employ of a school, college, or 389 university if such service is performed (i) by a student enrolled 390 at such school, college, or university on a full-time basis in an 391 educational program or completing such educational program 392 leading to a degree at any of the severally recognized levels, or 393 (ii) by the spouse of such a student, if such spouse is advised at 394 the time such spouse commences to perform such service that (I) 395 the employment of such spouse to perform such service is provided 396 under a program to provide financial assistance to such student 397 by such school, college, or university, and (II) such employment 398 will not be covered by any program of unemployment insurance; 399 (U) Service performed by an individual under the age of 22 who 400 is enrolled at a nonprofit or public educational institution which 401 normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally 402 has a regularly organized body of students in attendance at the 403 place where its educational activities are carried on, as a student

404 in a full-time program, taken for credit at such institution, which 405 combines academic instruction with work experience, if such service 406 is an integral part of such program, and such institution has so 407 certified to the employer, except that this subparagraph shall not 408 apply to service performed in a program established for or on

409 behalf of an employer or group of employers;

- 410 (V) Service performed in the employ of a hospital, if such ser-411 vice is performed by a patient of the hospital; service performed 412 as a student nurse in the employ of a hospital or a nurses' training 413 school by an individual who is enrolled and regularly attending 414 classes in a nurses' training school approved under the laws of 415 this State; and service performed as an intern in the employ of 416 a hospital by an individual who has completed a 4-year course in 417 a medical school approved pursuant to the law of this State.
- 418 (8) If ½ or more of the services in any pay period performed 419 by an individual for an employing unit constitutes employment, 420 all the services of such individual shall be deemed to be employ-421 ment; but if less than ½ of the service in any pay period performed 422 by an individual for an employing unit does not constitute employ-423 ment, then none of the service of such individual shall be deemed 424 to be employment. As used in this paragraph, the term "pay 425 period" means a period of not more than 31 consecutive days for 426 which a payment for service is ordinarily made by an employing 427 unit to individuals in its employ.
- 428 (j) "Employment office" means a free public employment office, 429 or branch thereof operated by this State or maintained as a part 430 of a State-controlled system of public employment offices.
- (k) "Fund" means the unemployment compensation fund estab-432 lished by this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.), to which all con-433 tributions required and from which all benefits provided under this 434 chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) shall be paid.
- 435 (1) "State" includes, in addition to the states of the United 436 States of America, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands 437 and Puerto Rico.
- 438 (m) Unemployment.
- 439 (1) An individual shall be deemed "unemployed" for any week 440 during which he is not engaged in full-time work and with respect 441 to which his remuneration is less than his weekly benefit rate, 442 including any week during which he is on vacation without pay; 443 provided, such vacation is not the result of the individual's volun-444 tary action.

- 445 (2) The term "remuneration," with respect to any individual 446 for benefit years commencing on or after July 1, 1961, and as used 447 in this subsection, shall include only that part of the same which 448 in any week exceeds 20% of his weekly benefit rate (fractional
- 449 parts of a dollar omitted) or \$5.00 whichever is the larger.
- 450 (3) An individual's week of unemployment shall be deemed to 451 commence only after his registration at an employment office, 452 except as the division may by regulation otherwise prescribe.
- (n) "Unemployment compensation administration fund" means 454 the unemployment compensation administration fund established 455 by this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.), from which administrative 456 expenses under this chapter (R. S. 43:21-1 et seq.) shall be paid. (o) "Wages" means remuneration paid by employers for em-458 ployment; provided, however, that for eligibility and benefit pur-
- 459 poses wages earned but not paid when the amount thereof has
- 460 been calculated and is due as determined by the established and
- 461 customary practices of the employer shall be construed as having
- 462 been paid when earned. If a worker receives gratuities regularly
- 463 in the course of his employment from others than his employer,
- 464 his "wages" shall also include the gratuities so received if reported
- 465 in writing to his employer in accordance with regulations of the
- 466 Division of Employment Security, and if not so reported, his
- 467 "wages" shall be determined in accordance with the minimum
- 468 wage rates prescribed under any labor law or regulation of this
- 469 State or of the United States, or the amount or remuneration
- 470 actually received by the employee from his employer, whichever
- 471 is the higher.
- 472 (p) "Remuneration" means all compensation for personal ser-473 vices, including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all 474 compensation in any medium other than cash.
- 475 (q) "Week" means such period or periods of 7 consecutive days 476 ending at midnight, as the division may by regulation prescribe.
- 477 (r) "Calendar quarter" means the period of 3 consecutive 478 calendar months ending on March 31, June 30, September 30, or
- 479 December 31.
- 480 (s) "Investment company" means any company as defined in
- 481 paragraph 1-a of c. 322 of the laws of 1938, entitled "An act
- 482 concerning investment companies, and supplementing Title 17 of
- 483 the Revised Statutes by adding thereto a new chapter entitled
- 484 'investment companies.' "
- 485 (t) "Base week" means any calendar week of an individual's
- 486 base year during which he earned in employment from an employer
- 487 remuneration equal to not less than \$15.00; provided, if in any

488 calendar week, an individual is in employment with more than 489 one employer, he may in such calendar week establish a base week 490 with respect to each such employer from whom the individual 491 earns remuneration equal to not less than \$15.00 during such week. **4**92 (u) "Average weekly wage" means the amount derived by 493 dividing an individual's total wages received during his base year 494 base weeks (as defined in subsection (t) of this section) from that 495 most recent base year employer with whom he has established at 496 least 17 base weeks, by the number of base weeks in which such 497 wages were earned. In the event that such claimant had no em-498 ployer in his base year with whom he had established at least 17 499 base weeks, then such individual's average weekly wage shall be 500 computed as if all of his base week wages were received from one 501 employer and as if all his base weeks of employment had been 502 performed in the employ of one employer.

If on application of a claimant it is determined that he has been 504 employed during at least the 4 weeks immediately preceding his 505 separation from employment by an employer on a substantially 506 reduced schedule of weekly hours due to lack of work, all weeks 507 of substantially reduced schedule within the base period and his 508 wages therefor shall be disregarded in computing his average 509 weekly wage.

(v) "Initial determination" means, subject to the provisions of R. S. 43:21-6 (b) (2) and (3), a determination of benefit rights as 512 measured by an eligible individual's base year employment with a 513 single employer covering all periods of employment with that em-514 ployer during the base year. Subject to the provisions of R. S. 515 43:21-3 (d) (3) if an individual has been in employment in his 516 base year with more than one employer, no benefits shall be paid to 517 that individual under any successive initial determination until his 518 benefit rights have been exhausted under the next preceding initial 519 determination.

- 520 (w) "Last date of employment" means the last calendar day in 521 the base year of an individual on which he performed services in 522 employment for a given employer.
- 523 (x) "Most recent base year employer" means that employer 524 with whom the individual most recently, in point of time, performed 525 services in employment in the base year.
- 526 (y) "Institution of higher education" means an educational 527 institution which
- 528 (1) admits as regular students only individuals having a cer-529 tificate of graduation from a high school, or the recognized equiv-530 alent of such a certificate;

- 531 (2) is legally authorized in this State to provide a program of 532 education beyond high school;
- 533 (3) provides an educational program for which it awards a
- 534 bachelor's or higher degree, or provides a program which is
- 535 acceptable for full credit toward such a degree, a program of post-
- 536 graduate or post-doctoral studies, or a program of training to
- 537 prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupa-
- 538 tion; and
- 539 (4) is a public or other nonprofit institution.
- 540 Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this subsec-
- 541 tion, all colleges and universities in this State are institutions of
- 542 higher education for purposes of this section.
- 543 (z) "Hospital" means an institution which has been licensed,
- 544 certified or approved under the law of this State as a hospital.
- 1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.