



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 8, 2007

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs** recommend that **House Bill 111** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended.

Signed:

Vicki Cocchiarella
Senator Vicki Cocchiarella, Chair

To be carried by Senator John Esp

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, line 8.

Following: "APPEALS;"

Insert: "RELIEVING CERTAIN EMPLOYERS OF BENEFIT CHARGES
ASSOCIATED WITH REHIRING RETURNING MILITARY PERSONNEL;"

2. Title, line 11.

Following: "39-51-1109,"

Insert: "39-51-1214,"

3. Page 4.

Following: line 11

Insert: "(iv) a physical therapist under Title 37, chapter 11;"

Renumber: subsequent subsections

4. Page 16.

Following: line 8

Insert: "Section 10. Section 39-51-1214, MCA, is amended to read:

"39-51-1214. **Benefit payments chargeable to employer experience rating accounts.** (1) Except for cost reimbursement, benefits paid must be charged to the account of each of the claimant's base period employers. The benefit charged must be based on the percentage of wages paid by the employer as compared to the total wages paid by all employers in the claimant's base period.

Committee Vote:

Yes 11, No 0

Fiscal Note Required _____ *KF*

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(2) A charge may not be made to the account of a covered employer with respect to benefits paid under the following situations:

(a) if paid to a worker who terminated services voluntarily without good cause attributable to a covered employer or who had been discharged for misconduct in connection with services;

(b) if paid in accordance with the extended benefit program triggered by either national or state indicators;

(c) if the base period employer continues to provide employment with no reduction in hours or wages;

(d) if benefits are paid to claimants who are in training approved under 39-51-2307; ~~or~~

(e) if the base period employer is ordered to military service, as defined in 10-1-1003; ~~or~~

(f) if benefits are paid to an employee laid off as the result of the return to work of a permanent employee who:

(i) was called to military service, as defined in 10-1-1003, and

(ii) had completed 4 or more weeks of military service and exercised reemployment rights under Title 10, chapter 1, part 10."

5. Page 21, lines 15 and 16.

Following: "dates." on line 15

Insert: "(1) [Sections 10, 16, and 17 and this section] are effective July 1, 2007."

Renumber: subsequent subsections

Following: "7," on line 15

Strike: "and"

Following: "9" on line 15

Insert: ", and 11"

Strike: "16" on line 15 through "section" on line 16

Insert: "15"

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs** recommend that **House Bill 158** (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in.

Signed: _____

Vicki Cocchiarella
Senator Vicki Cocchiarella, Chair

To be carried by Senator Donald Steinbeisser

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Committee Vote:

Yes 11, No 0

Fiscal Note Required _____

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3/8 Business Comm.

Dear Sen. Cocchiarella -

I would be honored
if you would be
willing to open for
me on HB 156 in
Senate B & L

Thursday March 8 -

I have to be in
Executive action on
Approps on budget
bills & dare not
leave the room.

Thanks a million
your humble →

→ Servent.

Rep Joe Gendler

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