

SENATE BILL 62 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 7, relative to assessing a surcharge on the total taxable payroll as determined for unemployment compensation premiums or in lieu of premiums for certain health care purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-7-402, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() (a) In addition, a surcharge in the amount of one half of one percent (.005%) shall be assessed on the total taxable payroll for the calendar year or fiscal year, as appropriate. If the employer makes health insurance available for its employees, the employer shall receive a one hundred percent (100%) credit for the surcharge assessed. If the employer does not make health insurance available, the money collected from the surcharge assessed against such employees shall be deposited in the general fund and earmarked for the TennCare program to provide coverage for uninsured Tennesseans.

(b) The commissioners of employment security and finance and administration are authorized to promulgate necessary rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. For purposes of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes this act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.