

March 4, 1999

H 276. OMNIBUS ESC CHANGES. MAKING VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA. Adds new sections to GS 96-9(a) to allow employers to pay their quarterly tax contributions by electronic funds transfer and to allow the Employment Security Comm'n to establish policies to allow taxes to be paid by credit card. Amends GS 96-9(a)(7) to require that, beginning with the quarter ending September 30, 1999, every employer with 100 or more employees (was 250 or more employees) and every person or organization that, as agent, reports wages on 100 or more employees on behalf of one or more employers (was 250 or more employees) file portion of "Employer's Quarterly Tax and Wage Report." Amends GS 96-12.01(c) to provide that a employee is not eligible for extended benefits unless the person had 20 weeks of full-time insured employment or the equivalent in insured wages, and amends GS 96-15(a) to allow employers to file claims for employees through the use of automation in the case of partial unemployment. Amends GS 96-15(b)(2) to provide that, for claims filed on or after July 1, 1999, a decision by the adjudicator following the adjudication of an employee protest over benefits shall be considered the final decision of the Comm'n after 10 days (was 10 working days), to provide that an employer has 10 days (was 10 working days) to protest claims filed by employee against the employer's account, and to increase the time after which no issue may be raised about an employee's eligibility for benefits from 20 days following the first day of the first week of claimed benefits to 45 days. Adds new provisions to GS 105-259(b) to expand tax information that may be disclosed to the Employment Security Comm'n to the extent the information is required for the NC Works study of the working poor. Additional information that may be disclosed is (1) the social security number of the taxpayer's spouse; (2) information about the taxpayer's exemption and credit for children; and (3) information concerning taxpayer's expenses for child and dependent care. Amends GS 108A-29(q) to provide that the Job Service Employer Committee in each county shall be organized by the county Employment Security Comm'n local office and that the chairman of the Comm'n shall appoint the Committee members from persons nominated by the existing committee. Members to serve for two-year terms. The Comm'n is to adopt rules regulating meetings of the Committee. For claims filed on or after July 1, 1999, deletes provision that allowed a county Workforce Development Board to perform duties of the Job Service Employer Committee. Deletes GS 96-12(b)(4) that described the qualifying benefits for a person whose prior benefit year has expired. Makes other technical changes. Unless otherwise noted, act is effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Redwine.

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April 19, 1999

H 276. OMNIBUS ESC CHANGES. Intro. 3/4/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes and, rather than repealing GS 96-12(b)(4), amends it to reduce from 10 to 6 the multiplier for the average weekly insured wage that an individual must be paid as qualifying wages for second year benefits.

July 1, 1999

H 276. OMNIBUS ESC CHANGES. Intro. 3/4/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends GS 96-4(t)(1) to protect the confidentiality of records, reports and information obtained from units of government pursuant to the employment security laws. Makes other technical changes.