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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6461

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"AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 31-266c of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

5 (a) The administrator, upon the advice of the Attorney General, may
6 abate any contributions due under this chapter which have been found
7 by the administrator to be uncollectible.

8 (b) The administrator or the administrator's duly authorized agent
9 may make or entertain an offer of compromise for any contributions
10 due under this chapter if such offer is based upon doubt as to the
11 employer's liability for the amount in controversy or doubt as to the
12 collectibility of such amount. [For purposes of this section, doubt as to
13 the employer's liability for the amount in controversy exists if there is a

14 genuine dispute as to the existence or amount of the employer's
15 liability under this chapter, and doubt as to the collectibility of such
16 amount exists if the employer's assets and income are less than the full
17 amount of the employer's debts, obligations and liabilities under state
18 or federal law.]

19 Sec. 2. Section 31-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

21 (a) For a construction worker identified pursuant to regulations
22 adopted in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the total
23 unemployment benefit rate for the individual's benefit year
24 commencing on or after April 1, 1996, shall be an amount equal to one
25 twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of his or her total
26 wages paid during that quarter of his or her current benefit year's base
27 period in which wages were the highest but not less than [fifteen] forty
28 dollars nor more than the maximum benefit rate as provided in
29 subsection (b) of this section.

30 (b) For an individual not included in subsection (a) of this section,
31 the individual's total unemployment benefit rate for his or her benefit
32 year commencing after September 30, 1967, shall be an amount equal
33 to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the average of
34 his or her total wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
35 section 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his or her current
36 benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest but not
37 less than [fifteen] forty dollars nor more than one hundred fifty-six
38 dollars in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in
39 July, 1982, nor more than sixty per cent rounded to the next lower
40 dollar of the average wage of production and related workers in the
41 state in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in
42 October, 1983, and provided the maximum benefit rate in any benefit
43 year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1988, shall
44 not increase more than eighteen dollars in any benefit year, such
45 increase to be effective as of the first Sunday in October of such year.
46 The average wage of production and related workers in the state shall

47 be determined by the administrator, on or before August fifteenth
 48 annually, as of the year ended the previous June thirtieth to be
 49 effective during the benefit year commencing on or after the first
 50 Sunday of the following October and shall be so determined in
 51 accordance with the standards for the determination of average
 52 production wages established by the United States Department of
 53 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

54 (c) The administrator shall adopt regulations pursuant to the
 55 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.
 56 Such regulations shall specify the National Council on Compensation
 57 Insurance employee classification codes which identify construction
 58 workers covered by subsection (a) of this section and specify the
 59 manner and format in which employers shall report the identification
 60 of such workers to the administrator."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-266c
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-231a