FIRST REGULAR SESSION HOUSE BILL NO. 356

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAHR.

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 285, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to employment taxes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 285, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 285.517, to read as follows:

285.517. Notwithstanding any provision of sections 285.500 to 285.515 or any other provision of law to the contrary, for any taxpayer undergoing an audit conducted by the 2 department of labor and industrial relations regarding classification of an individual as an 3 independent contractor or employee, if the taxpayer has been granted relief from the 4 imposition of federal employment taxes under Section 530 of the Revenue Act of 1978, as 5 amended, for an individual, with the result that the taxpayer can continue to classify the 6 7 individual as an independent contractor for purposes of federal employment taxes; has otherwise been exempted from the Federal Unemployment Tax Act; or has previously been 8 9 allowed such treatment by any Missouri governmental agency, the department of labor and industrial relations and the department of revenue shall allow the taxpayer to classify the 10 11 individual as an independent contractor for purposes of Missouri employment taxes with 12 a maximum employment tax rate of one percent. Nothing in this section shall be construed 13 to change in any way the status, liabilities, or rights of the individual whose status is at 14 issue. This section terminates the liability of the employer for the Missouri employment 15 taxes at one percent but shall have no effect on the individual whose status is at issue.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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