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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senator Leland

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 370

AN ACT to amend 1936 (Ex Sess) PA 1, entitled "An act to protect the welfare of the people of this state through the establishment of an unemployment compensation fund, and to provide for the disbursement thereof; to create certain other funds; to create the Michigan employment security commission, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for the protection of the people of this state from the hazards of unemployment; to levy and provide for contributions from employers; to provide for the collection of such contributions; to enter into reciprocal agreements and to cooperate with agencies of the United States and of other states charged with the administration of any unemployment insurance law; to furnish certain information to certain governmental agencies for use in administering public benefit and child support programs and investigating and prosecuting fraud; to provide for the payment of benefits; to provide for appeals from redeterminations, decisions and notices of assessments; and for referees and a board of review to hear and decide the issues arising from redeterminations, decisions and notices of assessment; to provide for the cooperation of this state and compliance with the provisions of the social security act and the Wagner-Peyser act passed by the Congress of the United States of America; to provide for the establishment and maintenance of free public employment offices; to provide for the transfer of funds; to make appropriations for carrying out the provisions of this act; to prescribe remedies and penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," by amending section 10 (MCL 421.10), as amended by 2002 PA 192.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 10. (1) There is created in the department of treasury a special fund to be known and designated as the administration fund (Michigan employment security act). Any balances in the administration fund at the end of any fiscal year of this state shall be carried over as a part of the administration fund and shall not revert to the general fund of this state. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3), all money deposited into the administration fund under this act shall be appropriated by the legislature to the unemployment agency to pay the expenses of the administration of this act.

(2) The administration fund shall be credited with all money appropriated to the fund by the legislature, all money received from the United States or any agency of the United States for that purpose, and all money received by this state for the fund. All money in the administration fund that is received from the federal government or any agency of the federal government or that is appropriated by this state for the purposes of this act, except money requisitioned

from the account of this state in the unemployment trust fund pursuant to a specific appropriation made by the legislature in accordance with section 903(c)(2) of title IX of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1103, and with section 17(3)(f), shall be expended solely for the purposes and in the amounts found necessary by the appropriate agency of the United States and the legislature for the proper and efficient administration of this act.

(3) All money requisitioned from the account of this state in the unemployment trust fund pursuant to a specific appropriation made by the legislature in accordance with section 903(c)(2) of title IX of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1103, and with section 17(3)(f), shall be deposited in the administration fund. Any money that remains unexpended at the close of the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of a specific appropriation shall be immediately redeposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States to the credit of this state's account in the unemployment trust fund; or any money that for any reason cannot be expended or is not to be expended for the purpose for which appropriated before the close of this 2-year period shall be redeposited at the earliest practicable date.

(4) If any money received after June 30, 1941, from the appropriate agency of the United States under title III of the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 501 to 504, or any unencumbered balances in the administration fund (Michigan employment security act) as of that date, or any money granted after that date to this state under the Wagner-Peyser act, chapter 49, 48 Stat. 113, or any money made available by this state or its political subdivisions and matched by money granted to this state under the Wagner-Peyser act, chapter 49, 48 Stat. 113, is found by the appropriate agency of the United States, because of any action or contingency, to have been lost or been expended for purposes other than, or in amounts in excess of, those found necessary by that agency of the United States for the proper administration of this act, the money shall be replaced by money appropriated for that purpose from the general funds of this state to the administration fund (Michigan employment security act) for expenditure as provided in this act. Upon receipt of notice of such a finding by the appropriate agency of the United States, the commission shall promptly report the amount required for replacement to the governor and the governor shall, at the earliest opportunity, submit to the legislature a request for the appropriation of that amount. This subsection shall not be construed to relieve this state of its obligation with respect to funds received prior to July 1, 1941, under the provisions of title III of the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. 501 to 504.

(5) If any funds expended or disbursed by the commission are found by the appropriate agency of the United States to have been lost or expended for purposes other than, or in amounts in excess of, those found necessary by that agency of the United States for the proper administration of this act, and if these funds are replaced as provided in subsection (4) by money appropriated for that purpose from the general fund of this state, then the director who approved the expenditure or disbursement of those funds for those purposes or in those amounts, shall be liable to this state in an amount equal to the sum of money appropriated to replace those funds. The director shall be required by the governor to post a proper bond in a sum not less than \$25,000.00 to cover his or her liability as prescribed in this section, the cost of the bond to be paid from the general fund of this state.

(6) There is created in the department of treasury a separate fund to be known as the contingent fund (Michigan employment security act) into which shall be deposited all solvency taxes collected under section 19a and all interest on contributions, penalties, and damages collected under this act. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (7), (8), and (9), all amounts in the contingent fund (Michigan employment security act) and all earnings on those amounts are continuously appropriated without regard to fiscal year for the administration of the unemployment agency and for the payment of interest on advances from the federal government to the unemployment compensation fund under section 1201 of title XII of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1321, to be expended only if authorized by the unemployment agency. Money deposited from the solvency taxes collected under section 19a shall not be used for the administration of the unemployment agency, except for the repayment of loans from the state treasury and interest on loans made under section 19a(3). However, an authorization or expenditure shall not be made as a substitution for a grant of federal funds or for any portion of a grant that, in the absence of an authorization, would be available to the commission. Immediately upon receipt of administrative grants from the appropriate agency of the United States to cover administrative costs for which the commission has authorized and made expenditures from the contingent fund, those grants shall be transferred to the contingent fund to the extent necessary to reimburse the contingent fund for the amount of those expenditures. Amounts needed to refund interest, damages, and penalties erroneously collected shall be withdrawn and expended for those purposes from the contingent fund upon order of the unemployment agency. Any amount authorized to be expended for administration under this section may be transferred to the administration fund. An amount not needed for the purpose for which authorized shall, upon order of the unemployment agency, be returned to the contingent fund. Amounts needed to refund erroneously collected solvency taxes shall be withdrawn and expended for that purpose upon order of the unemployment agency.

(7) On June 30, 2002, the unemployment agency shall authorize the withdrawal of \$79,500,000.00 from the contingent fund (Michigan employment security act) for deposit into the general fund.

(8) At the close of the state fiscal year in 2002 and each year after 2002, all funds in the contingent fund (Michigan employment security act) in excess of \$15,000,000.00 shall lapse to the unemployment trust fund.

(9) The unemployment agency shall authorize the withdrawal of \$10,000,000.00 from the contingent fund (Michigan employment security act) for deposit into the general fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Carol Morey Viventi

Secretary of the Senate

Gay E. Randall

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor