

\* \* \* Employer Assessment \* \* \*

Sec. 81. 21 V.S.A. § 2003 is amended to read:

§ 2003. HEALTH CARE FUND CONTRIBUTION ASSESSMENT

(a) The Commissioner of Labor shall assess and an employer shall pay a quarterly Health Care Fund contribution for each full-time equivalent uncovered employee employed during that quarter ~~in excess of:~~

~~(1) eight full-time equivalent employees in fiscal years 2007 and 2008;~~

~~(2) six full-time equivalent employees in fiscal year 2009; and~~

~~(3) four full-time equivalent employees in fiscal years 2010 and thereafter.~~

(b) ~~For any quarter in fiscal years 2007 and 2008, the amount of the Health Care Fund contribution shall be \$ 91.25 for each full-time equivalent employee in excess of eight. For each fiscal year after fiscal year 2008, the number of excluded full-time equivalent employees shall be adjusted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, and the amount of the Health Care Fund contribution shall be adjusted by a percentage equal to any percentage change in premiums for the second lowest cost silver level plan in the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.~~

(1) For the fourth quarter of calendar year 2015, the amount of the Health Care Fund contribution shall be calculated as follows:

(A) for employers with at least one but no more than 49 full-time equivalent employees, the amount of the Health Care Fund contribution shall be \$140.84 for each uncovered full-time equivalent employee in excess of four;

(B) for employers with at least 50 but no more than 249 full-time equivalent employees, the amount of the Health Care Fund Contribution shall be \$228.13 for each uncovered full-time equivalent employee in excess of four; and

(C) for employers with 250 or more full-time equivalent employees, the amount of the Health Care Fund Contribution shall be \$319.38 for each uncovered full-time equivalent employee in excess of four.

(2) For each calendar year after calendar year 2015, the Health Care Fund contribution amounts described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be adjusted by a percentage equal to any percentage change in premiums for the second lowest cost silver-level plan in the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange.