

*Section 53.* The commission may provide for the payment, to such person or persons as the commission finds entitled thereto, of benefits due a deceased person for the allowance of whose will or for the administration of whose estate no petition has been filed within thirty days after his death, and every such payment shall be a valid payment to the same extent as if made to the legal representatives of the deceased.

Payment due to estates of deceased persons.

*Section 54.* The commission may prescribe to what extent any ruling or decision may be applied without retroactive effect.

Application of rulings.

SECTION 20. So far as applicable, and except as herein-after provided, this act shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight; provided, that sections one, six, nine and fifteen hereof shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

Effective date.

*Approved June 29, 1938.*

AN ACT SUSPENDING FROM JULY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT, THROUGH JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE, CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAW RELATING TO EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ESTABLISHING THE RATIO OF PERCENTAGES OF EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON AND AFTER JULY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE.

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*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would in part defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Emergency preamble.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The provisions of section four of chapter one hundred and fifty-one A of the General Laws, in so far as they require employee contributions to the unemployment compensation fund and the withholding, recording and transmission of such contributions by the employer, shall be inoperative and of no effect during the period commencing on July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight and ending on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine; provided, that nothing herein shall be deemed to relieve any employer from any duty otherwise imposed upon him by said chapter one hundred and fifty-one A.

Temporary suspension of certain provisions of the unemployment compensation law.

SECTION 2. Said section four of said chapter one hundred and fifty-one A is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 151A, § 4, amended.

The percentages of employee and employer contributions established under this and the preceding section shall, on and after July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, bear the same ratio to each other as they did in the first six months of the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

Ratio of contributions.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July first of the current year.

Effective date.

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