

# ACT No. 29

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRESSLY AND EDMONDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2453(2)(c)(i) and to enact R.S. 51:2453(2)(b)(ix), relative to  
3 the Quality Jobs Program; to authorize certain businesses to participate in the Quality  
4 Jobs Program; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 51:2453(2)(c)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 51:2453(2)(b)(ix) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2453. Definitions

9 The following words or terms as used in this Chapter shall have the following  
10 meaning, unless a different meaning appears from the context:

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14 (b) To qualify for a contract pursuant to this Chapter, employers must meet  
15 one of the following provisions:

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17 (ix) The employer is a COVID-19-impacted retail business that has no more  
18 than fifty employees nationwide including affiliates on the date of the filing of the  
19 advance notification and which is assigned a North American Industry Classification  
20 Code of 44, 45, 721, or 722 and the COVID-19-impacted retail business files or  
21 enters into an advance notification on or after July 1, 2020, and on or before  
22 December 31, 2021. However, no COVID-19-impacted retail business employer  
23 assigned a North American Industry Classification Code of 44, 45, 721, or 722 shall  
24 be eligible to earn benefits pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter after June 30,  
25 2023. For purposes of this Section, "COVID-19-impacted retail business" means a

1           for-profit corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, or a sole  
 2           proprietorship that had a physical and active operation in Louisiana on March 13,  
 3           2020, and ceased operations due to either one of the governor's public health  
 4           emergency proclamations or a mayor's proclamation or executive order related to the  
 5           public health emergency, or a decrease in customer activity or the inability to retain  
 6           sufficient staff due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

7                   (c) The following employers or persons engaged in the following professions  
 8           or service industries shall not be eligible for any rebate under this Chapter:

9                   (i)(aa) Retail employers as identified by the North American Industry  
 10           Classification System code sections 44 and 45.

11                   (bb) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subitem (aa) of this Item,  
 12           COVID-19-impacted retail employers identified by the North American Industry  
 13           Classification Code of 44 and 45 that have no more than fifty employees nationwide  
 14           including affiliates on the date of the filing of the advance notification shall be  
 15           eligible to participate in this rebate program if such employers file or enter into an  
 16           advance notification on or after July 1, 2020, and on or before December 31, 2021.  
 17           However, no COVID-19-impacted retail business employer assigned a North  
 18           American Industry Classification Code of 44 and 45 shall be eligible to earn benefits  
 19           pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter after June 30, 2023.

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21           Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2020; if vetoed by the governor  
 22           and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,  
 23           2020, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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