NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to change regulations on unemployment insurance to include a new regulation defining 'a motion picture project employer (MPPE) as an employer for the purpose of paying unemployment tax' and amending a current regulation to limit a backdate request from agent states to one year.

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 8 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with unemployment insurance, including the following:

- (1) 8 AAC 85 is proposed to be changed as follows:
 - AAC 85.016 Addition of a new regulation defining a motion picture project employer an employing entity.
 - AAC 85.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to limit the backdating request from an agent state to one year.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Kimberly Schnell at P.O. Box 241767, Anchorage, Alaska 99524, or kimberly.schnell@alaska.gov. The comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 2nd, 2018.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Kimberly Schnell at (907) 269-4758 or kimberly.schnell@alaska.gov not later than Monday, January 29th, 2018, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Kimberly Schnell at (907) 269-4758 or kimberly.schnell@alaska.gov.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.

Statutory Authority: AS 23.20.045, AS 23.20.080, AS 23.20.085, AS 23.20.165, AS 23.20.315, AS 23.20.330, AS 23.20.375

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 23.20.005, AS 23.20.045, AS 23.20.080, AS 23.20.085, AS 23.20.315, AS 23.20.330, AS 23.20.375.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: 12/28/17

Heidi Drygas, Commissioner