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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ERVIN (Sponsor) AND RICHARD (Co-sponsor).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 620, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to small businesses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 620, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 620.1892, to read as follows:

**620.1892. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Small Business
2 and Entrepreneurial Growth Act".**

**3 2. For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, an employer of a
4 small business shall be allowed to receive benefits under subsection 3 of this section if such
5 employer expands such business by increasing the number of jobs and by meeting the
6 following qualifications:**

**7 (1) The employer's total payroll for the small business increases by at least twenty
8 percent due to the addition of new jobs or a business with less than five employees adds
9 employees so that the total number of employees is five or greater;**

**10 (2) The employer does not exceed ten new tech jobs, twenty new jobs located in a
11 rural area, and forty new jobs located in an urban area; and**

**12 (3) Wages for new jobs created by the employer under this section are at least
13 eighty-five percent of the average county wage.**

14 3. Benefits provided under this section shall be as follows:

**15 (1) Retention of all tax withheld under sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo, from the
16 newly created jobs for a period of one year; or**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **(2) If the employer also provides health insurance and pays more than fifty percent**
18 **of the premiums for all employees, the tax withheld under sections 143.191 to 143.265,**
19 **RSMo, from newly created jobs may be retained for a period of two years.**

20 **4. No employers receiving benefits under this section shall be eligible for any**
21 **benefits provided under sections 620.1875 to 620.1890.**

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