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Employers praise Governor Crist, lawmakers for rapid response

*Statement from Florida Retail Federation President/CEO Rick McAllister
regarding Unemployment Compensation Tax*

“We applaud Governor Crist and our legislative leaders for taking quick action to avert what could have been a crushing blow for Florida employers.

“Senate President Atwater and Speaker Cretul demonstrated tremendous leadership in getting the legislation through committees and ready for passage on the opening day of session.

“Across Florida, businesses have been putting hiring decisions on hold and reserving available payroll dollars for the anticipated tax hit.

“The quick action of our legislature provides the certainty Florida businesses need to move forward. With the threat of huge tax hikes now eliminated, those thinking about hiring new employees or bringing employees back can now do so with confidence.

“We are just starting to see signs of economic recovery, and this legislation derails what would have been a significant setback.”