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Draft of the law regarding wages used as the basis for calculating contributions to the social security fund of the insured person under Section 33 of the Social Security Act.

The Ministry of Labor has opened for public hearing of "The draft of The Ministerial Regulation prescribes the minimum and maximum wages used as the basis for calculating contributions to the Social Security Fund B.E... . The important issues of the draft of ministerial regulation are prescribing the minimum and maximum wages used as the basis for calculating contributions of the insured under Section 33 of the Social Security Act. The new rates will be set in 3 phases as follows:

Phase 1. From 1 January B.E.2567 (2024) to 31 December B.E.2569 (2026), the amount not less than 1,650 Baht per month and not exceed 17,500 Baht per month. The maximum contribution is 875 Baht.

Phase 2. From 1 January B.E.2570 (2027) to 31 December B.E.2572 (2029), the amount not less than 1,650 Baht per month and not exceed 20,000 Baht per month. The maximum contribution is 1,000 Baht.

Phase 3. From 1 January B.E.2573 (2030) on the wards amount not less than 1,650 Baht per month and not exceed 23,000 Baht per month. The maximum contribution is 1,150 Baht.

Extension of the period of tax measures for investment promotion in the electronic tax system

On 24 January B.E.2566 (2022), the Cabinet approved the draft of Royal Decree issued under the Revenue Code governing Revenue Exemption by extension of the period of tax measures for investment promotion in the electronic tax system. By prescribe a company or juristic partnership shall be exempted from income tax in the amount of 2 times of the expenses as follows:

- 1. The expenses for investment in e-Tax Invoice & e-Receipt system
- 2. The expenses for investment in e-Withholding Tax system.
- 3. The expenses for using service of e-Tax Invoice & e-Receipt system and e-Withholding Tax system from service provider.

Also, for the expenses from 1 January B.E.2566 (2023) until 31 December B.E.2566 (2023).

Reduction of withholding tax rates through electronic systems (e-Withholding Tax)

On 24 January B.E.2566 (2022), the Cabinet approved the draft Ministerial Regulations to extend the period of time for tax measures to promote the use of the electronic withholding tax system. The rate shall be reduced from 5%, 3%, and 2% to a rate of 1% for paying assessable income through the e-Withholding Tax system from January B.E.2566 (2023) until 31 December B.E.2568 (2025).