

*As always if you need detail on any of these programs please send me a note. This is meant to be an overview only.*

### **Corona 3:**

#### **S. 3548, The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**

This bill is broken down into sections/titles. Division A addresses Health Care, Individuals, Small Businesses, Unemployment and Taxes. Below is a summary of Division A and the programs that are of the most interest to your company. Division B provides funds to each government agency which will be sent separately and there may be a Corona 4.

### **TAXES**

#### Personal Check

A one-time tax rebate check of \$1200 per individual and \$500 per child for those with a valid SSN. No tax liability on the check and it is available to those with incomes at or below \$75,000 for individuals, \$112,500 for head of household, and \$150,000 for a married couple. Based on 2018 and 2019 returns.

#### Looser Rules on Retirement Accounts

Mandatory minimum distributions for older Americans will be able to keep their capital invested without a penalty and the 10% penalty is waived on distributions related to coronavirus related early distributions.

#### Payroll Tax Payments for Employers

Allowed to delay the payment of their 2020 payroll taxes until 2021 and 2021.

#### Paying Furloughed Employees

Furloughed employees may be eligible for a 50% credit on up to \$10,000 of wages paid to those employees.

#### Back Losses for Businesses

Businesses may carry back losses from 2018, 2019 and 2020 to the previous 5 years allowing businesses to qualify for immediate tax returns.

#### Business Improvements

The bill will fix cost recovery for investments in Qualified Improvement properties.

### **SMALL BUSINESS** (note regulations and details will be posted within 15 days)

#### Payroll Protection

Provides 8 weeks of cash-flow assistance through 100% federally guaranteed loans to small employers who maintain payroll. Amount of loan used for payroll, interest on mortgage obligations, rent and utilities would be forgiven. Retroactive to 2/15/20. (Note: one provision stated this is available to any business with less than 500 employees per location)

#### Government Contracts

Contract performance periods must be extended.

#### Existing SBA Loans

SBA is required to pay all principal, interest and fees on existing loan products

Other provisions:

**HEALTH**

Provides more resources for providers

Expands access to care for patients

Supports the public health response: \$4.3b to CDC,

Removes limitations employers face on their HAS-eligible plans.

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

Expands Unemployment Benefits

Provides Unemployment to self-employed and independent contractors

Adds \$600/week to benefits across the board

Provisions expire at the end of 2020