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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators Burke, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 04, 2021

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 28-12-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-12 entitled "Minimum  
2 Wages" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~28-12-9. Workers with disabilities.~~

4           ~~The director of labor and training may provide by regulation, after a public hearing at which~~  
5 ~~any person may be heard, for the employment in any occupation at wages lower than the wage rates~~  
6 ~~applicable under this chapter of individuals whose earning capacity is impaired by physical or~~  
7 ~~mental disability as he or she may find appropriate to prevent curtailment of opportunities for~~  
8 ~~employment, to avoid undue hardship, and to safeguard the applicable wage rates under this~~  
9 ~~chapter. No employee shall be employed at wages fixed pursuant to this section except under a~~  
10 ~~special license issued under applicable regulations of the director of labor and training.~~

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would repeal § 28-12-9 of the general laws which provides that the director of  
2 labor and training may approve of wages below the minimum wage for those persons whose earning  
3 capacity is impaired due to physical or mental disability.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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