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HOUSE BILL NO. 3054

Offered January 15, 2007

A *BILL to amend and reenact §§ 40.1-28.9 and 40.1-28.10 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Minimum Wage Act.*

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Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 40.1-28.9 and 40.1-28.10 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 40.1-28.9. Definition of terms.

As used in this article:

A. "Employer" includes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business trust, or any person or groups of persons acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee;

B. "Employee" includes any individual employed by an employer, except the following:

1. Any person employed as a farm laborer or farm employee;

2. Any person employed in domestic service or in or about a private home or in an eleemosynary institution primarily supported by public funds;

3. Any person engaged in the activities of an educational, charitable, religious or nonprofit organization where the relationship of employer-employee does not, in fact, exist, or where the services rendered to such organizations are on a voluntary basis;

4. Newsboys, shoe-shine boys, caddies on golf courses, babysitters, ushers, doormen, concession attendants and cashiers in theaters;

5. Traveling salesmen or outside salesmen working on a commission basis; taxicab drivers and operators;

6. Any person under the age of eighteen in the employ of his father, mother or legal guardian;

7. Any person confined in any penal, corrective or mental institution of the State or any of its political subdivisions;

8. Any person employed by a boys' and/or girls' summer camp;

9. Any person under the age of sixteen, regardless of by whom employed;

10. Any person who normally works and is paid based on the amount of work done;

11. ~~Any person who shall have reached his or her sixty-fifth birthday~~ (*Reserved*);

12. Any person whose employment is covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended;

13. Any person whose earning capacity is impaired by physical or mental deficiency;

14. Students and apprentices participating in a bona fide educational or apprenticeship program;

15. Any person employed by an employer who does not have four or more persons employed at any one time; provided that husbands, wives, sons, daughters and parents of the employer shall not be counted in determining the number of persons employed;

16. Any person who is less than eighteen years of age and who is currently enrolled on a full-time basis in any secondary school, institution of higher education or trade school, provided the person is not employed more than twenty hours per week;

16A. Any person of any age who is currently enrolled on a full-time basis in any secondary school, institution of higher education or trade school and is in a work-study program or its equivalent at the institution at which he or she is enrolled as a student;

17. Any person who is less than eighteen years of age and who is under the jurisdiction and direction of a juvenile and domestic relations district court.

C. "Wages" means legal tender of the United States or checks or drafts on banks negotiable into cash on demand or upon acceptance at full value; provided, wages may include the reasonable cost to the employer of furnishing meals and for lodging to an employee, if such board or lodging is customarily furnished by the employer, and used by the employee.

D. In determining the wage of a tipped employee, the amount paid such employee by his employer shall be deemed to be increased on account of tips by an amount determined by the employer, except in the case of an employee who establishes by clear and convincing evidence that the actual amount of tips received by him was less than the amount determined by the employer. In such case, the amount paid such employee by his employer shall be deemed to have been increased by such lesser amount.

§ 40.1-28.10. Minimum wages.

~~Every~~ A. Prior to July 1, 2007, every employer shall pay to each of his employees wages at a rate not

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59 less than the federal minimum wage ~~and a~~ *or, if applicable, the federal training wage*, as prescribed by
60 the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.).

61 *B. From July 1, 2007, until July 1, 2008, every employer shall pay to each of his employees wages*
62 *at a rate not less than the greater of (i) \$6.15 per hour or (ii) the federal minimum wage as prescribed*
63 *by the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.).*

64 *C. From and after July 1, 2008, every employer shall pay to each of his employees wages at a rate*
65 *not less than the greater of (i) \$7.25 per hour or (ii) the federal minimum wage as prescribed by the*
66 *U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act (29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq.).*