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AN ACT

1 Providing for minimum wages for employee benefits for workers on
2 projects related to renewable energy.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Wages for
7 Renewable Energy Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Eligible project." Either of the following:

13 (1) A project that produces renewable energy and is
14 financed, funded or paid for, in whole or in part, with the
15 funds of a public body.

16 (2) Energy transformation project.

1 "Energy transformation project." A project that provides
2 energy-related goods and services other than electricity
3 generation and results in a reduction of fossil fuel consumption
4 and greenhouse gas emissions, including, but not limited to,
5 electric vehicle infrastructure, weatherization and renewable
6 natural gas projects.

7 "Funds of a public body." Includes, but is not limited to,
8 Federal, State or local tax credits, tax abatements, grants,
9 loans, government agency stimulus funding or public bond
10 proceeds, regardless of whether the beneficiary or ultimate
11 recipient is required to pay or pay back the funds to retire or
12 partially retire any debt.

13 "Renewable energy." As defined under section 2 of the act of
14 November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178), known as the Alternative
15 Fuels Incentive Act.

16 "Workman." As defined under section 2(7) of the act of
17 August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania
18 Prevailing Wage Act.

19 Section 3. Required wages and employee benefits.

20 Not less than the prevailing minimum wages and employee
21 benefits as would be applicable to a project of public work
22 under the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the
23 Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, shall be paid to each workman
24 employed on an eligible project.

25 Section 4. Applicability.

26 The minimum requirements of section 3 shall apply to the
27 minimum wages and employee benefits due and payable to and on
28 behalf of any worker, in every trade or craft, employed by a
29 contractor, of any tier, performing services on an eligible
30 project after the effective date of this section.

1 Section 5. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect immediately.