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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Ackerman, Bennett, McNamara, Shanley,
Messier, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Serpa, and Batista

Date Introduced: February 16, 2022

Referred To: House 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2 Wages" is hereby repealed.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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