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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, DiPalma, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: January 22, 2015

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 28-14-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-14 entitled "Payment  
2 of Wages" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **28-14-17. Penalty for violations.** -- Any employer who violates or fails to comply with  
4 any of the provisions of this chapter, upon a conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction or  
5 upon a plea of nolo contendere, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. All alleged violations of this  
6 section shall be referred to and be prosecuted by the office of the attorney general. ~~and upon~~  
7 Upon conviction of the misdemeanor the employer shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
8 four hundred dollars (\$400) for each separate offense, or by imprisonment of up to one year, or  
9 by both fine and imprisonment. Each day of failure to pay wages due an employee at the time  
10 specified in this chapter shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act requires all violations relative to the payment of wages to be referred to the  
2 attorney general for prosecution.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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