



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1039

LCO No. 4278



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING GENERAL CONTRACTOR LIABILITY FOR WAGES AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provisions of the general statutes, a general contractor and any
3 subcontractor serving at the direction of such general contractor shall
4 be jointly liable to any employee of such subcontractor for (1) any
5 wages earned by the employee while working for such subcontractor
6 while the subcontractor was serving at the direction of such general
7 contractor, and (2) any workers' compensation claims resulting from
8 an injury to the employee that occurred while working for such
9 subcontractor while the subcontractor was serving at the direction of
10 such general contractor.

11 (b) Any general contractor who is required to make any payment as
12 a result of a subcontractor's failure to pay wages or benefits pursuant
13 to subsection (a) of this section, may bring a civil action in the Superior
14 Court to recover no more than the damages sustained by the general
15 contractor by reason of making such payment, together with costs and

16 reasonable attorney's fees.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect workers in the state by making general contractors liable for their subcontractors' failure to pay wages or workers' compensation benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]