



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

**Raised Bill No. 5384**

LCO No. 1734



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF WAGE AND HOUR INSPECTORS AT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2024, the  
2 Labor Commissioner shall employ not fewer than twenty-two wage and  
3 hour inspectors for the purposes of investigating and ascertaining the  
4 wages of persons employed in any occupation in the state pursuant to  
5 section 31-59 of the general statutes.

6 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal year ending June  
7 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Labor Commissioner shall  
8 employ not fewer than forty-five wage and hour inspectors for the  
9 purposes of investigating and ascertaining the wages of persons  
10 employed in any occupation in the state pursuant to section 31-59 of the  
11 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase the number of wage and hour inspectors at the Labor Department in order to monitor the increasing number of wage theft complaints in the state.

*[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.]*