

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 5357 General Bill, By J.L. Johnson

Summary: Inmate minimum wage

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-230 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN INMATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-1-295, RELATING TO INMATES EMPLOYED FOR WORK INVOLVING EXPORTATION OF PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES MAY NOT BE COMPENSATED LESS THAN AN HOURLY RATE EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-20, RELATING TO CONVICTED PERSONS, CUSTODY, PLACE OF CONFINEMENT, WORK RELEASE AND TRAINING PROGRAMS, LITTER REMOVAL, AND RESTITUTION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES MAY NOT BE COMPENSATED LESS THAN AN HOURLY RATE EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-27, RELATING TO LOCAL REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OF INMATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES MAY BE COMPENSATED LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE FOR WORK OF A SIMILAR NATURE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT NOT LESS THAN AN HOURLY RATE EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-30, RELATING TO PLACES OF INMATE CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES MAY BE COMPENSATED LESS THAN THE PREVAILING WAGE FOR WORK OF A SIMILAR NATURE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT NOT LESS THAN AN HOURLY RATE EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

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