



ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE STATE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BONDS, GRANTS, LOANS, LOAN GUARANTEES, ENTERPRISE ZONES, EMPOWERMENT ZONES, TAX INCREMENT FINANCING, FEE WAIVERS, LAND PRICE SUBSIDIES, MATCHING FUNDS, TAX ABATEMENTS, TAX EXEMPTIONS AND TAX CREDITS.

S 696. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR WAGES AND BENEFITS. 1. NO PERSON, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ANY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBSIDY UNLESS IT:

(A) PAYS ALL ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE A MINIMUM WAGE THAT IS AT LEAST ONE DOLLAR PER HOUR HIGHER THAN THE STATE'S MINIMUM WAGE AS PROVIDED BY THIS CHAPTER.

(B) OFFERS TO ALL ITS EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE, WHO WORK AT LEAST THIRTY-FIVE HOURS PER WEEK, A HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS PLAN FOR WHICH THE EMPLOYER PAYS AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM, AND THE COVERAGE PAYS AT LEAST EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF PHYSICIAN OFFICE VISITS, EMERGENCY CARE, SURGERY AND PRESCRIPTIONS, WITH AN ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE OF NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

(C) OFFERS TO AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT OF ITS WORKERS IN THE STATE A WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM THAT MEETS MINIMUM STANDARDS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(D) HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAWS FOR AT LEAST THE PRIOR FIVE YEARS.

2. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO:

(A) A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER THIS PURSUANT TO STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

(B) AN INTERN OR TRAINEE WHO IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LONGER THAN THREE MONTHS.

3. IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT APPLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE WOULD CONFLICT WITH A FEDERAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENT, THE COMMISSIONER, AFTER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING, MAY GRANT A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 697. ENFORCEMENT. 1. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROMULGATE SUCH REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

2. NO PERSON, ASSOCIATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY SHALL DISCHARGE, DEMOTE, HARASS OR OTHERWISE TAKE ADVERSE ACTIONS AGAINST ANY INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE SUCH INDIVIDUAL SEEKS THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ARTICLE, OR TESTIFIES, ASSISTS OR PARTICIPATES IN ANY MANNER IN AN INVESTIGATION, HEARING OR OTHER PROCEEDING TO ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE.

3. NO ENTITY SHALL PAY AN EMPLOYEE THROUGH A THIRD PARTY OR TREAT AN EMPLOYEE AS A SUBCONTRACTOR OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR TO AVOID THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall apply to any economic development subsidy awarded or renewed on or after such effective date.