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AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to authorizing local wage standards higher than in the state labor law

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1     Section 1. Section 665 of the labor law is renumbered section 666 and  
2     a new section 665 is added to read as follows:  
3     S 665. LOCAL WAGE STANDARDS. NOTHING IN THIS CHAPTER, THE MUNICIPAL  
4     HOME RULE LAW OR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SHALL PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION  
5     OF ANY MINIMUM STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY ANY APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE,  
6     OR LOCAL LAW, POLICY, CONTRACT OR PREFERENCE, OR BY A PUBLIC BENEFIT  
7     CORPORATION, OR ANY RULE OR REGULATION ISSUED THEREUNDER, RELATING TO  
8     WAGES, HOURS, OR OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS, OR THE ENFORCEMENT THEREOF,  
9     WHICH ARE MORE FAVORABLE TO EMPLOYEES THAN THE MINIMUM STANDARDS APPLI-  
10    CABLE UNDER THIS ARTICLE. A COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE OR PUBLIC BENE-  
11    FIT CORPORATION MAY ADOPT SUCH STANDARDS, WHICH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO  
12    ENFORCEMENT BY ANY MEANS PROVIDED BY LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO  
13    THOSE AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE OR PUBLIC BENEFIT  
14    CORPORATION, AND MAY ALSO BE ENFORCED BY THE COMMISSIONER USING ANY AND  
15    ALL ENFORCEMENT METHODS PERMITTED BY THIS CHAPTER FOR ENFORCEMENT OF  
16    WAGE STANDARDS AND PAYMENT.  
17    S 2. Severability. If any provision of this act, or the application  
18    thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of  
19    competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such judgment  
20    shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall  
21    be confined in its operation to the provision of this act, or in its  
22    application to the person or circumstance, directly involved in the  
23    controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.  
24    S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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