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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

HB 1481 Prevailing Wage

Introduced on June 1, 2017

House of Representatives Session of 2017 - 2018 Regular Session MEMORANDUM

Posted: April 26, 2017 04:31 PM
From: [Representative Fred Keller](#)
To: All House members
Subject: Legislation that would exempt the rehabilitation of residential property (containing fewer than eight units) from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act

I am preparing to introduce legislation that would exempt the rehabilitation of residential property (containing fewer than eight units) from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act.

The Department of Labor and Industry has recently begun enforcing the act on housing rehabilitation projects that receive federal housing dollars. Federal housing law specifically exempts residential rehabilitation projects where the property contains fewer than eight units from the Davis-Bacon Act (the federal prevailing wage law), and my bill would simply mirror this exemption for PA law.

Like many of you, I have heard from local housing agencies and organizations, that prevailing wage requirements will be very problematic for communities that use federal housing dollars to rehabilitate an aging housing stock and assist low income homeowners. Please join me in cosponsoring this legislation to prevent the imposition of state prevailing wage requirements on small residential projects, that are specifically exempted from federal prevailing wage requirements.



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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1481 Session of 2017 I

INTRODUCED BY F. KELLER, BLOOM, CAUSER, SCHLEGEL CULVER, DUNBAR, HELM, HICKERNELL, PHILLIPS-HILL, IRVIN, JAMES, KAUFFMAN, LAWRENCE, McGINNIS, MENTZER, MILLARD, PICKETT, RADER, ROTHMAN, SAYLOR, WARD, ZIMMERMAN AND WHEELAND, JUNE 1, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, JUNE 1, 2017

AN ACT

Amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), entitled "An act relating to public works contracts; providing for prevailing wages; imposing duties upon the Secretary of Labor and Industry; providing remedies, penalties and repealing existing laws," further providing for definitions. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2(5) of the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, is amended to read: Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act—

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(5) "Public work" means construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and/or repair work other than maintenance work, done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body where the estimated cost of the total project is in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), but shall not include work performed under a 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 rehabilitation or manpower training program or the rehabilitation of a residential property containing fewer than eight units

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

