



General Assembly

February Session, 2008

Raised Bill No. 56

LCO No. 320

00320_____LAB

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A JOINT ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION ON
EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established a
2 joint enforcement commission on employee misclassification. The
3 commission shall consist of the Labor Commissioner, the chairperson
4 of the Workers' Compensation Commission, the Attorney General and
5 the Chief State's Attorney, or their designees.

6 (b) The joint enforcement commission on employee misclassification
7 shall meet not less than four times each year. The task force shall
8 review the problem of employee misclassification by employers for the
9 purposes of avoiding their obligations under state and federal labor,
10 employment and tax laws. The commission shall (1) coordinate the
11 investigation and civil and criminal prosecution of violations of state
12 and federal laws through employee misclassification; (2) consult with
13 representatives of business and labor organizations to make
14 administrative and legislative recommendations for improving the
15 state's enforcement of these laws; (3) work cooperatively with business
16 and labor organizations to reduce employee misclassification; and (4)

17 cooperate with social organizations and state and local social service
18 departments to provide assistance to populations that have been
19 exploited by employee misclassification.

20 (c) On or before February 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
21 commission shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
22 general statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of
23 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor.
24 The report shall summarize the commission's actions for the preceding
25 calendar year and include any recommendations for administrative or
26 legislative action.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a task force to investigate and make recommendations to reduce employer's misclassification of employees for the purpose of avoiding paying certain benefits, fees and taxes.

[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.]