



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5876

LCO No. 4279



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES ASSESSED AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT FAIL TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 As used in this section, "labor organization" means any organization
4 or association or any agency or employee representation committee or
5 plan which exists for the purpose, in whole or part, of dealing with
6 employers concerning grievances, labor disputes, wages, rates of pay,
7 hours of employment or conditions of work, or any federation or
8 council located in this state representing any group of such labor
9 organizations. Except for labor organizations subject to the provisions
10 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959
11 (Public Law 86-267), each labor organization functioning in the state
12 and having twenty-five or more members in any calendar or fiscal year
13 shall, annually, within three months after the end of the calendar or
14 fiscal year used as the basis for such report, file with the Labor
15 Commissioner and make available to its membership a written report
16 either in the form required by Public Law 86-267 or the Internal

17 Revenue Code. Such report shall be filed and transmitted by the
18 treasurer or other chief financial officer of such labor organization and
19 shall be verified by the oath of the treasurer or other chief financial
20 officer filing such report and copies of such report shall be furnished to
21 individual members at the regular or special meeting of the labor
22 organization at which such report is presented and shall be available
23 during the year following the year covered by the report at the labor
24 organization's office during regular business hours and upon request
25 of any member. Reports under the provisions of this section shall [not]
26 be open to public inspection [except that any person may examine the
27 report of any labor organization of which he is a member, and except
28 that] and the state may audit [any such report so filed] the report of
29 any labor organization at the written request of any member and shall
30 transmit to any such member and the labor organization which
31 submitted the report the results of any such audit. The treasurer or
32 other chief financial officer of any labor organization or any other
33 individual charged with the filing of such reports who fails to comply
34 with the provisions of this section shall forfeit to the state [twenty-five]
35 five hundred dollars for [each] the first such failure, and one thousand
36 dollars for each subsequent failure. The Labor Commissioner may
37 destroy any report filed under the provisions of this section after such
38 report has been on file two years.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2015</i> | 31-77 |

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the penalty imposed on officers of certain labor organizations for failure to file required information and to make such information available to the public.

[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.]

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