



**Written Testimony of
Scott D. Jackson, Commissioner
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Good Afternoon Senator Leone, Representative Baram, Senator Witkos, Representative Carter and members of the General Law Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 395, AAC Wage Theft and Alcoholic Liquor Permit Nonrenewal and English Language Requirements for the Issuance of Alcoholic Liquor Permits.** My name is Scott Jackson and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

DOL is in the forefront combatting wage theft, with its Wage and Workplace Standards Division and its Unemployment Compensation Tax Division. This bill seeks another avenue for the prevention of wage theft. DOL is always available as a resource for any initiative that helps alleviate wage theft.

This bill has potential to add to the workload of the Wage and Workplace Standards Division. Once cited for violations of certain wage laws, more employers may request informal hearings, especially in light of the potential for sanctions against their liquor permit. Therefore, DOL may need additional funding to handle the increased workload.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.