



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5957**

LCO No. 1481



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:  
REP. DUBITSKY, 47th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT  
BENEFITS AND SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES.**

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

- 1 That chapter 567 of the general statutes be amended to (1) update the
- 2 base wage threshold triggering eligibility for employment benefits, (2)
- 3 adjust such base wage threshold annually based on inflation, and (3)
- 4 exempt agricultural employers from participation in the unemployment
- 5 compensation system unless their employees satisfy the base wage
- 6 threshold for at least two consecutive quarters in a calendar year.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To update the basis on which unemployment benefits will be required  
to be paid and protect seasonal agricultural businesses from  
disproportionate taxation.