

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 115/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Departmental wage recovery; remittance to  
8 aggrieved employee.

9 (a) Upon the recovery of unpaid wages, wage supplements, or  
10 final compensation from an employer that has violated this Act,  
11 the Department shall conduct a good faith search to find the  
12 aggrieved employee. If, after conducting a good faith search  
13 for the aggrieved employee, the Department is unable to find  
14 the aggrieved employee, the Department shall deposit the amount  
15 recovered into the Department of Labor Special State Trust  
16 Fund.

17 (b) An aggrieved employee may make a request to the  
18 Department in order to recover unpaid wages, wage supplements,  
19 or final compensation that has been deposited into the  
20 Department of Labor Special State Trust Fund. The Department  
21 shall not require the employee to present a Social Security  
22 number or proof of United States citizenship. For the purpose  
23 of paying claims under this Section from the Department of

1 Labor Special State Trust Fund to aggrieved employees, the  
2 Comptroller shall assign a vendor payment number to the  
3 Department. When an aggrieved employee makes a valid request  
4 for payment to the Department, the Department shall use the  
5 vendor payment number to process payment on behalf of the  
6 aggrieved employee.

7 (c) The Department shall adopt rules for the administration  
8 of this Section.