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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2488

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2488 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Equal Pay Act of 2003 is amended by  
5 changing Section 11 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 112/11)

7 Sec. 11. Equal pay registration certificate requirements;  
8 application. For the purposes of this Section 11 only,  
9 "business" means any private employer who has 100 or more  
10 employees in the State of Illinois ~~and is required to file an~~  
11 ~~Annual Employer Information Report EEO-1 with the Equal~~  
12 ~~Employment Opportunity Commission,~~ but does not include the  
13 State of Illinois or any political subdivision, municipal  
14 corporation, or other governmental unit or agency.

15 (a) A business must obtain an equal pay registration  
16 certificate from the Department.

1 (b) Any business subject to the requirements of this  
2 Section that is authorized to transact business in this State  
3 on March 23, 2021 shall submit an application to obtain an  
4 equal pay registration certificate, between March 24, 2022 and  
5 March 23, 2024, and must recertify every 2 years thereafter.  
6 Any business subject to the requirements of this Section that  
7 is authorized to transact business in this State after March  
8 23, 2021 must submit an application to obtain an equal pay  
9 registration certificate within 3 years of commencing business  
10 operations, but not before January 1, 2024, and must recertify  
11 every 2 years thereafter. The Department shall collect contact  
12 information from each business subject to this Section. The  
13 Department shall assign each business a date by which it must  
14 submit an application to obtain an equal pay registration  
15 certificate. The business shall recertify every 2 years at a  
16 date to be determined by the Department. When a business  
17 receives a notice from the Department to recertify for its  
18 equal pay registration certificate, if the business has fewer  
19 than 100 employees, the business must certify in writing to  
20 the Department that it is exempt from this Section. Any new  
21 business that is subject to this Section and authorized to  
22 conduct business in this State, after the effective date of  
23 this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, shall  
24 submit its contact information to the Department by January 1  
25 of the following year and shall be assigned a date by which it  
26 must submit an application to obtain an equal pay registration

1 certificate. The Department's failure to assign a business a  
2 registration date does not exempt the business from compliance  
3 with this Section. The failure of the Department to notify a  
4 business of its recertification deadline may be a mitigating  
5 factor when making a determination of a violation of this  
6 Section.

7 (c) Application.

8 (1) A business shall apply for an equal pay  
9 registration certificate by paying a \$150 filing fee and  
10 submitting wage records and an equal pay compliance  
11 statement to the Director as follows:

12 (A) Wage Records. Any business that is subject to  
13 this Section ~~required to file an annual Employer~~  
14 ~~Information Report EEO 1 with the Equal Employment~~  
15 ~~Opportunity Commission~~ must submit to the Director a  
16 list of all employees during the past calendar year,  
17 separated by gender and the race and ethnicity  
18 categories, ~~as reported in the business's most~~  
19 ~~recently filed Employer Information Report EEO 1,~~ and  
20 the county in which the employee works, the date the  
21 employee started working for the business, any other  
22 information the Department deems necessary to  
23 determine if pay equity exists among employees, and  
24 report the total wages as defined by Section 2 of the  
25 Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act paid to each  
26 employee during the past calendar year, rounded to the

1 nearest \$100, to the Director.

2 (B) Equal Pay Compliance Statement. The business  
3 must submit a statement signed by a corporate officer,  
4 legal counsel, or authorized agent of the business  
5 certifying:

6 (i) that the business is in compliance with  
7 this Act and other relevant laws, including but  
8 not limited to: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act  
9 of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Illinois  
10 Human Rights Act, and the Equal Wage Act;

11 (ii) that the average compensation for its  
12 female and minority employees is not consistently  
13 below the average compensation for its male and  
14 non-minority employees within each job category ~~of~~  
15 ~~the major job categories in the Employer~~  
16 ~~Information Report EEO-1~~ for which an employee is  
17 expected to perform work, taking into account  
18 factors such as length of service, requirements of  
19 specific jobs, experience, skill, effort,  
20 responsibility, working conditions of the job,  
21 education or training, job location, use of a  
22 collective bargaining agreement, or other  
23 mitigating factors; as used in this subparagraph,  
24 "job category" means one of the following job  
25 categories: executive/senior-level officials and  
26 managers, first/mid-level officials and managers,

1           professionals, technicians, sales workers,  
2           administrative support workers, craft workers,  
3           operatives, laborers and helpers, and service  
4           workers; as used in this subparagraph, "minority"  
5           has the meaning ascribed to that term in paragraph  
6           (1) of subsection (A) of Section 2 of the Business  
7           Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with  
8           Disabilities Act; and as used in this  
9           subparagraph, "compensation" means remuneration or  
10          compensation an employee receives in return for  
11          services rendered to an employer, including hourly  
12          wages, overtime wages, commissions, piece rate  
13          work, salary, bonuses, or any other basis of  
14          calculation for services performed;

15                 (iii) that the business does not restrict  
16                 employees of one sex to certain job  
17                 classifications, and makes retention and promotion  
18                 decisions without regard to sex;

19                 (iv) that wage and benefit disparities are  
20                 corrected when identified to ensure compliance  
21                 with the Acts cited in item (i);

22                 (v) how often wages and benefits are  
23                 evaluated; and

24                 (vi) the approach the business takes in  
25                 determining what level of wages and benefits to  
26                 pay its employees; acceptable approaches include,

1 but are not limited to, a wage and salary survey.

2 (C) Filing fee. The business shall pay to the  
3 Department a filing fee of \$150. Proceeds from the  
4 fees collected under this Section shall be deposited  
5 into the Equal Pay Fund, a special fund created in the  
6 State treasury.

7 (2) Receipt of the equal pay compliance application  
8 and statement by the Director does not establish  
9 compliance with the Acts set forth in item (i) of  
10 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection (c).

11 (3) A business that has employees in multiple  
12 locations or facilities in Illinois shall submit a single  
13 application to the Department regarding all of its  
14 operations in Illinois.

15 (d) Issuance or rejection of registration certificate.  
16 After January 1, 2022, the Director must issue an equal pay  
17 registration certificate, or a statement of why the  
18 application was rejected, within 45 calendar days of receipt  
19 of the application. Applicants shall have the opportunity to  
20 cure any deficiencies in its application that led to the  
21 rejection, and re-submit the revised application to the  
22 Department within 30 calendar days of receiving a rejection.  
23 Applicants shall have the ability to appeal rejected  
24 applications. An application may be rejected only if it does  
25 not comply with the requirements of subsection (c), or the  
26 business is otherwise found to be in violation of this Act. The

1 receipt of an application by the Department, or the issuance  
2 of a registration certificate by the Department, shall not  
3 establish compliance with the Equal Pay Act of 2003 as to all  
4 Sections except Section 11. The issuance of a registration  
5 certificate shall not be a defense against any Equal Pay Act  
6 violation found by the Department, nor a basis for mitigation  
7 of damages.

8 (e) Revocation of registration certificate. An equal pay  
9 registration certificate for a business may be suspended or  
10 revoked by the Director when the business fails to make a good  
11 faith effort to comply with the Acts identified in item (i) of  
12 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subsection (c), fails to  
13 make a good faith effort to comply with this Section, or has  
14 multiple violations of this Section or the Acts identified in  
15 item (i) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) of subsection  
16 (c). Prior to suspending or revoking a registration  
17 certificate, the Director must first have sought to conciliate  
18 with the business regarding wages and benefits due to  
19 employees.

20 Consistent with Section 25, prior to or in connection with  
21 the suspension or revocation of an equal pay registration  
22 certificate, the Director, or his or her authorized  
23 representative, may interview workers, administer oaths, take  
24 or cause to be taken the depositions of witnesses, and require  
25 by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and the  
26 production of personnel and compensation information relative

1 to the matter under investigation, hearing or a  
2 department-initiated audit.

3 Neither the Department nor the Director shall be held  
4 liable for good faith errors in issuing, denying, suspending  
5 or revoking certificates.

6 (f) Administrative review. A business may obtain an  
7 administrative hearing in accordance with the Illinois  
8 Administrative Procedure Act before the suspension or  
9 revocation of its certificate or imposition of civil penalties  
10 as provided by subsection (i) is effective by filing a written  
11 request for hearing within 20 calendar days after service of  
12 notice by the Director.

13 (g) Technical assistance. The Director must provide  
14 technical assistance to any business that requests assistance  
15 regarding this Section.

16 (h) Access to data.

17 (1) Any individually identifiable information  
18 submitted to the Director within or related to an equal  
19 pay registration application or otherwise provided by an  
20 employer in its equal pay compliance statement under  
21 subsection (c) shall be considered confidential  
22 information and not subject to disclosure pursuant to the  
23 Illinois Freedom of Information Act. As used in this  
24 Section, "individually identifiable information" means  
25 data submitted pursuant to this Section that is associated  
26 with a specific person or business. Aggregate data or

1 reports that are reasonably calculated to prevent the  
2 association of any data with any individual business or  
3 person are not confidential information. Aggregate data  
4 shall include the job category and the average hourly wage  
5 by county for each gender, race, and ethnicity category on  
6 the registration certificate applications. The Department  
7 of Labor may compile aggregate data from registration  
8 certificate applications.

9 (2) The Director's decision to issue, not issue,  
10 revoke, or suspend an equal pay registration certificate  
11 is public information.

12 (3) Notwithstanding this subsection (h), a current  
13 employee of a covered business may request anonymized data  
14 regarding their job classification or title and the pay  
15 for that classification. No individually identifiable  
16 information may be provided to an employee making a  
17 request under this paragraph.

18 (4) Notwithstanding this subsection (h), the  
19 Department may share data and identifiable information  
20 with the Department of Human Rights, pursuant to its  
21 enforcement of Article 2 of the Illinois Human Rights Act,  
22 or the Office of the Attorney General, pursuant to its  
23 enforcement of Section 10-104 of the Illinois Human Rights  
24 Act.

25 (5) Any Department employee who willfully and  
26 knowingly divulges, except in accordance with a proper

1           judicial order or otherwise provided by law, confidential  
2           information received by the Department from any business  
3           pursuant to this Act shall be deemed to have violated the  
4           State Officials and Employees Ethics Act and be subject to  
5           the penalties established under subsections (e) and (f) of  
6           Section 50-5 of that Act after investigation and  
7           opportunity for hearing before the Executive Ethics  
8           Commission in accordance with Section 20-50 of that Act.

9           (i) Penalty. Falsification or misrepresentation of  
10          information on an application submitted to the Department  
11          shall constitute a violation of this Act and the Department  
12          may seek to suspend or revoke an equal pay registration  
13          certificate or impose civil penalties as provided under  
14          subsection (c) of Section 30.

15          (Source: P.A. 102-36, eff. 6-25-21; 102-705, eff. 4-22-22;  
16          103-201, eff. 1-1-24.)

17          Section 10. The Prevailing Wage Act is amended by changing  
18          Section 2 as follows:

19               (820 ILCS 130/2)

20          Sec. 2. This Act applies to the wages of laborers,  
21          mechanics and other workers employed in any public works, as  
22          hereinafter defined, by any public body and to anyone under  
23          contracts for public works. This includes any maintenance,  
24          repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment

1 whether owned, leased, or rented.

2 As used in this Act, unless the context indicates  
3 otherwise:

4 "Public works" means all fixed works constructed or  
5 demolished by any public body, or paid for wholly or in part  
6 out of public funds. "Public works" as defined herein includes  
7 all projects financed in whole or in part with bonds, grants,  
8 loans, or other funds made available by or through the State or  
9 any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited  
10 to: bonds issued under the Industrial Project Revenue Bond Act  
11 (Article 11, Division 74 of the Illinois Municipal Code), the  
12 Industrial Building Revenue Bond Act, the Illinois Finance  
13 Authority Act, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Act,  
14 or the Build Illinois Bond Act; loans or other funds made  
15 available pursuant to the Build Illinois Act; loans or other  
16 funds made available pursuant to the Riverfront Development  
17 Fund under Section 10-15 of the River Edge Redevelopment Zone  
18 Act; or funds from the Fund for Illinois' Future under Section  
19 6z-47 of the State Finance Act, funds for school construction  
20 under Section 5 of the General Obligation Bond Act, funds  
21 authorized under Section 3 of the School Construction Bond  
22 Act, funds for school infrastructure under Section 6z-45 of  
23 the State Finance Act, and funds for transportation purposes  
24 under Section 4 of the General Obligation Bond Act. "Public  
25 works" also includes (i) all projects financed in whole or in  
26 part with funds from the Environmental Protection Agency under

1 the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act for which  
2 there is no project labor agreement; (ii) all work performed  
3 pursuant to a public private agreement under the Public  
4 Private Agreements for the Illiana Expressway Act or the  
5 Public-Private Agreements for the South Suburban Airport Act;  
6 (iii) all projects undertaken under a public-private agreement  
7 under the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act  
8 or the Department of Natural Resources World Shooting and  
9 Recreational Complex Act; and (iv) all transportation  
10 facilities undertaken under a design-build contract or a  
11 Construction Manager/General Contractor contract under the  
12 Innovations for Transportation Infrastructure Act. "Public  
13 works" also includes all projects at leased facility property  
14 used for airport purposes under Section 35 of the Local  
15 Government Facility Lease Act. "Public works" also includes  
16 the construction of a new wind power facility by a business  
17 designated as a High Impact Business under Section  
18 5.5(a)(3)(E) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, the  
19 construction of a new utility-scale solar power facility by a  
20 business designated as a High Impact Business under Section  
21 5.5(a)(3)(E-5) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, the  
22 construction of a new battery energy storage solution facility  
23 by a business designated as a High Impact Business under  
24 Section 5.5(a)(3)(I) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act, and  
25 the construction of a high voltage direct current converter  
26 station by a business designated as a High Impact Business

1 under Section 5.5(a)(3)(J) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone  
2 Act. "Public works" also includes electric vehicle charging  
3 station projects financed pursuant to the Electric Vehicle Act  
4 and renewable energy projects required to pay the prevailing  
5 wage pursuant to the Illinois Power Agency Act. "Public works"  
6 also includes power washing projects by a public body or paid  
7 for wholly or in part out of public funds in which steam or  
8 pressurized water, with or without added abrasives or  
9 chemicals, is used to remove paint or other coatings, oils or  
10 grease, corrosion, or debris from a surface or to prepare a  
11 surface for a coating. "Public works" also includes all  
12 electric transmission systems projects subject to the Electric  
13 Transmission Systems Construction Standards Act. "Public  
14 works" does not include work done directly by any public  
15 utility company, whether or not done under public supervision  
16 or direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public  
17 funds. "Public works" also includes construction projects  
18 performed by a third party contracted by any public utility,  
19 as described in subsection (a) of Section 2.1, in public  
20 rights-of-way, as defined in Section 21-201 of the Public  
21 Utilities Act, whether or not done under public supervision or  
22 direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds.  
23 "Public works" also includes construction projects that exceed  
24 15 aggregate miles of new fiber optic cable, performed by a  
25 third party contracted by any public utility, as described in  
26 subsection (b) of Section 2.1, in public rights-of-way, as

1 defined in Section 21-201 of the Public Utilities Act, whether  
2 or not done under public supervision or direction, or paid for  
3 wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" also  
4 includes any corrective action performed pursuant to Title XVI  
5 of the Environmental Protection Act for which payment from the  
6 Underground Storage Tank Fund is requested. "Public works"  
7 also includes all construction projects involving fixtures or  
8 permanent attachments affixed to light poles that are owned by  
9 a public body, including street light poles, traffic light  
10 poles, and other lighting fixtures, whether or not done under  
11 public supervision or direction, or paid for wholly or in part  
12 out of public funds, unless the project is performed by  
13 employees employed directly by the public body. "Public works"  
14 also includes work performed subject to the Mechanical  
15 Insulation Energy and Safety Assessment Act. "Public works"  
16 also includes the removal, hauling, and transportation of  
17 biosolids, lime sludge, and lime residue from a water  
18 treatment plant or facility and the disposal of biosolids,  
19 lime sludge, and lime residue removed from a water treatment  
20 plant or facility at a landfill. "Public works" does not  
21 include projects undertaken by the owner at an owner-occupied  
22 single-family residence or at an owner-occupied unit of a  
23 multi-family residence. "Public works" does not include work  
24 performed for soil and water conservation purposes on  
25 agricultural lands, whether or not done under public  
26 supervision or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds,

1 done directly by an owner or person who has legal control of  
2 those lands.

3 "Construction" means all work on public works involving  
4 laborers, workers or mechanics. This includes any maintenance,  
5 repair, assembly, or disassembly work performed on equipment  
6 whether owned, leased, or rented.

7 "Locality" means the county where the physical work upon  
8 public works is performed, except (1) that if there is not  
9 available in the county a sufficient number of competent  
10 skilled laborers, workers and mechanics to construct the  
11 public works efficiently and properly, "locality" includes any  
12 other county nearest the one in which the work or construction  
13 is to be performed and from which such persons may be obtained  
14 in sufficient numbers to perform the work and (2) that, with  
15 respect to contracts for highway work with the Department of  
16 Transportation of this State, "locality" may at the discretion  
17 of the Secretary of the Department of Transportation be  
18 construed to include two or more adjacent counties from which  
19 workers may be accessible for work on such construction.

20 "Public body" means the State or any officer, board or  
21 commission of the State or any political subdivision or  
22 department thereof, or any institution supported in whole or  
23 in part by public funds, and includes every county, city,  
24 town, village, township, school district, irrigation, utility,  
25 reclamation improvement or other district and every other  
26 political subdivision, district or municipality of the state

1 whether such political subdivision, municipality or district  
2 operates under a special charter or not.

3 "Labor organization" means an organization that is the  
4 exclusive representative of an employer's employees recognized  
5 or certified pursuant to the National Labor Relations Act.

6 The terms "general prevailing rate of hourly wages",  
7 "general prevailing rate of wages" or "prevailing rate of  
8 wages" when used in this Act mean the hourly cash wages plus  
9 full journeyman annualized fringe benefits for training and  
10 apprenticeship programs registered with ~~approved by~~ the Office  
11 of Apprenticeship within the U.S. Department of Labor's  
12 Employment and Training Administration with full journeymen  
13 annualized fringe benefits for U.S. Department of Labor,  
14 Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, health and welfare,  
15 insurance, vacations and pensions paid generally, in the  
16 locality in which the work is being performed, to employees  
17 engaged in work of a similar character on public works.  
18 (Source: P.A. 102-9, eff. 1-1-22; 102-444, eff. 8-20-21;  
19 102-673, eff. 11-30-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-1094, eff.  
20 6-15-22; 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-327, eff. 1-1-24; 103-346,  
21 eff. 1-1-24; 103-359, eff. 7-28-23; 103-447, eff. 8-4-23;  
22 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-1066, eff. 2-20-25.)".