THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 740

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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 26, 2013

AN ACT

- 1 Prohibiting a public employer from deducting from a public
- employee's salary or wages any funds which inure to the
- 3 benefit of a private organization.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Short title.
- 7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public
- 8 Workers Paycheck Protection Act.
- 9 Section 2. Definitions.
- 10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 12 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- "Deduction." A subtraction of a monetary amount of any kind
- 14 by an employer from gross salary or wages.
- 15 "Private organization." An association, sole proprietorship,
- 16 partnership, corporation, limited liability company or any other
- 17 type of entity organized under the laws of Pennsylvania or any
- 18 other state.

- 1 "Public employee." An individual paid a wage or salary by a
- 2 public employer.
- 3 "Public employer." The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its
- 4 political subdivisions, including school districts, and any
- 5 board, commission, agency, authority or other instrumentality
- 6 thereof.
- 7 Section 3. Public employee payroll deductions.
- 8 (a) Prohibitions on deductions. -- A public employer may not
- 9 take deductions from a public employee's salary or wages of any
- 10 funds that inure to the benefit of a private organization.
- 11 (b) Exceptions. -- The prohibitions under subsection (a) shall
- 12 not apply if:
- 13 (1) The deductions represent the employee's contribution
- 14 toward direct or indirect benefits received from the employer
- the value of which is considered part of the employee's
- 16 compensation from the employer, such as medical insurance,
- 17 retirement plans, a cafeteria plan as defined in section 125
- of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26
- 19 U.S.C. § 125) or deferred compensation.
- 20 (2) The public employer is in receipt of a court order
- 21 pertaining to the individual employee that provides for the
- 22 deduction.
- 23 Section 4. Injunctive relief.
- 24 Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, a person
- 25 injured or threatened with injury by any action or conduct
- 26 prohibited by this act shall be entitled to injunctive relief
- 27 from the action or conduct and to damages for any injuries
- 28 sustained.
- 29 Section 5. Repeals.
- 30 (a) Specific. -- The following acts and parts of acts are

- 1 repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this act:
- 2 (1) Section 2215 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
- No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929.
- 4 (2) Section 705 of the act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563,
- 5 No.195), known as the Public Employe Relations Act.
- 6 (3) Sections 3 and 4 of the act of June 2, 1993 (P.L.45,
- No.15), known as the Public Employee Fair Share Fee Law.
- 8 (b) General.--All other acts and parts of acts are repealed
- 9 insofar as they are inconsistent with this act.
- 10 Section 6. Effective date.
- 11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.