

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 259 Session of  
2005

INTRODUCED BY ARMSTRONG, WENGER, WONDERLING, WAUGH, CORMAN,  
EARLL, MADIGAN AND M. WHITE, FEBRUARY 14, 2005

REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), entitled  
2 "An act relating to public works contracts; providing for  
3 prevailing wages; imposing duties upon the Secretary of Labor  
4 and Industry; providing remedies, penalties and repealing  
5 existing laws," further providing for the definition of  
6 "public work."

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2(5) of the act of August 15, 1961  
10 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage  
11 Act, amended August 9, 1963 (P.L.653, No.342), is amended to  
12 read:

13 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act--

14 \* \* \*

15 (5) "Public work" means construction, reconstruction,  
16 demolition, alteration and/or repair work other than maintenance  
17 work, done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out  
18 of the funds of a public body where the estimated cost of the  
19 total project is in excess of [twenty-five thousand dollars

1 (\$25,000)] five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), but shall  
2 not include work performed under a rehabilitation or manpower  
3 training program. Commencing on January 1, 2006, the prevailing  
4 wage exemption for a public work covered by this clause shall be  
5 updated by the Secretary of Labor and Industry as of January 1  
6 of each year. The update shall be equal to the percentage change  
7 in the Statewide average weekly wage. Such updates shall be  
8 cumulative.

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.