

1 Introduced by House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Public property and supplies; Department of Buildings and General

5 Services; requirements on State construction projects

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
7 requirements needed for State construction projects, increase the wage and
8 benefits for the construction employees, and also add a penalty section for
9 employers who make a false statement or representation for the purpose of
10 affecting or denying any benefit or payment made to the construction
11 employees.

12 An act relating to prevailing wages

13 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14 Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

15 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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17 (b) Each contract awarded under this section for ~~any~~ State construction
18 project with a construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 and projects which is
19 are authorized or funded in whole or in part by a capital construction act
20 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 701a, including such a project of the University of

1 Vermont and State Agricultural College and of the Vermont State Colleges,
2 shall provide that all construction employees working on the project shall be
3 paid no less than the ~~mean~~ prevailing wage ~~published periodically by the~~
4 ~~Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey and~~
5 benefit rates as established by the federal Davis Bacon Act. The
6 Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings
7 and General Services, shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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9 (g) Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud makes a false
10 statement or representation for the purpose of affecting or denying any benefit
11 or payment under this section shall be fined not more than \$10,000.00 or
12 imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.