

1 S.100

2 Introduced by Senator Pearson

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: State buildings; construction; prevailing wage

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the  
7 Agency of Transportation to use the mean prevailing wage published  
8 periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational  
9 employment and wage survey when making wage determinations for  
10 construction and maintenance projects that exceed \$100,000.00 and are not  
11 supported with federal funds.

12 An act relating to prevailing wage requirements on State transportation  
13 construction and maintenance projects

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

15 Sec. 1. 19 V.S.A. § 18 is amended to read:

16 § 18. WAGES

17 (a) ~~It~~ Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, in making up  
18 specifications and advertising for bids on highway work, the ~~board~~ Board shall  
19 fix, subject to local conditions, the minimum wage per hour for various classes

1 of labor and the minimum to be paid per hour or per cubic yard for trucks  
2 ~~which~~ that the contractor shall be bound to pay.

3 (b) Each contract awarded by the Agency pursuant to this chapter for any  
4 State project with a construction cost exceeding \$100,000.00 and that is not  
5 supported in whole or in part by federal funds shall provide that all  
6 construction employees working on the project shall be paid no less than the  
7 mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of  
8 Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional  
9 fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the  
10 Vermont prevailing wage survey. As used in this section, “fringe benefits”  
11 means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave, employer  
12 contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement benefits,  
13 and similar benefits that are incidents of employment.

14 Sec. 2. 29 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

15 § 161. REQUIREMENTS ON STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

16 (a) Bids; selection.

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18 (d) Subsections (a) through (c) of this section shall not apply to  
19 maintenance or construction projects carried out by the Agency of  
20 Transportation and by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The  
21 Agency of Transportation shall provide for wage rates in contracts for

1 construction and maintenance projects funded in whole by the State pursuant to  
2 19 V.S.A. § 18.

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4 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on passage.