## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

## AN ACT

- 1 Providing for minimum wages for employee benefits for workers on projects related to renewable energy.
- 3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 4 hereby enacts as follows:
- 5 Section 1. Short title.
- 6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Wages for
- 7 Renewable Energy Act.
- 8 Section 2. Definitions.
- 9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
- 10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 11 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- "Eligible project." Either of the following:
- 13 (1) A project that produces renewable energy and is
- financed, funded or paid for, in whole or in part, with the
- funds of a public body. The term "funds of a public body,"
- 16 for the purposes of this statute, shall include, but not be
- 17 limited to, Federal, State or local tax credits, tax

- 1 abatements, grants, loans, government agency stimulus funding
- or public bond proceeds, regardless of whether the
- 3 beneficiary or ultimate recipient is required to pay or pay
- 4 back the funds to retire or partially retire any debt.
- 5 (2) Energy transformation project.
- 6 "Energy transformation project." A project that provides
- 7 energy-related goods and services other than electricity
- 8 generation and results in a reduction of fossil fuel consumption
- 9 and greenhouse gas emissions, including, but not limited to,
- 10 electric vehicle infrastructure, weatherization and renewable
- 11 natural gas projects.
- 12 "Renewable energy." As provided under section 2 of the act
- 13 of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178), known as the
- 14 Alternative Fuels Incentive Act.
- 15 "Workman." As defined under section 2(7) of the act of
- 16 August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania
- 17 Prevailing Wage Act.
- 18 Section 3. Required wages and employee benefits.
- 19 Not less than the prevailing minimum wages and employee
- 20 benefits as would be applicable to a project of public work
- 21 pursuant to the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known
- 22 as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, shall be paid to each
- 23 workman employed on an eligible project.
- 24 Section 4. Applicability.
- 25 The minimum requirements of section 3 shall apply to the
- 26 minimum wages and employee benefits due and payable to and on
- 27 behalf of any worker, in every trade or craft, employed by a
- 28 contractor, of any tier, performing services on an eligible
- 29 project after the effective date of this act.
- 30 Section 5. Effective date.

1 This act shall take effect immediately.