LEGISLATURE PASSES RIGHT-TO-WORK

GOVERNOR PLEDGES VETO

Yesterday, the House of Delegates voted 54-46 to approve Senate Bill 1, the Workplace Freedom Act (aka right-to-work) and, this morning, the state Senate concurred in several House amendments and passed the bill as amended 18-16. Following passage of the bill, Governor Tomblin announced he would veto it. The bill prohibits requiring a person to join a labor organization or pay a fee to the union as a condition of employment. If the Legislature is successful in overriding the Governor’s promised veto, West Virginia would become the 26th state to pass a right-to-work law.

Chamber members are asked to call the Governor and urge him to sign the Right-to-Work bill into law. You can reach the Governor’s office at 304-558-2000 or 888-438-2731

The Governor has five days (Sundays excepted), after the bill has been presented to him, to exercise his veto. The House and Senate can override a gubernatorial veto by a simple majority (51 votes in the House & 18 votes in the Senate). To review Senate Bill 1, click here.
Senate Passes Prevailing Wage Elimination, Governor's Veto "Very Likely"

The state Senate yesterday approved House Bill 4005 to eliminate the artificial setting of wages for construction of public projects. The bill was passed along strict party lines 18-16. The measure was adopted last week by the House of Delegates 55-44. The bill now heads to the governor's desk, where a gubernatorial spokesperson said it's "very likely" the governor will veto the bill.

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BILLS TO WATCH

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STATE SENATE
SB 1 --- Establishing WV Workplace Freedom Act; Passed Senate 1/21; Passed House 2/4; Passed Senate as amended by the House 2/5; To
Governor

**SB 9** --- Creating Intermediate Court of Appeals

**SB 15** --- Adopting learned intermediary doctrine as defense to civil action due to inadequate warnings or instructions; Passed Senate 2/1; to House Judiciary Committee

**SB 290** --- Assignment of wages by employers and payment by payroll card; Passed Senate 1/28; to House Judiciary Committee

**SB 294** --- Allowing employers have compulsory direct deposit of wages

**SB 296** --- Excluding amounts claimant would not pay from compensatory damages awarded for medical expenses

**SB 298** --- Allowing restaurants, private clubs and wineries sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays

**SB 301** --- Changing amounts of prejudgment and post-judgment interest

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**HB 2615** --- West Virginia Small Business Capital Act

**HB 4005** --- Repealing prevailing hourly rate of wage requirements Passed House 1/27; Passed Senate 2/4; To Governor

**HB 4011** --- Providing for the authorizing and oversight of public charter schools

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