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6 By: Senator B. Davis

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9 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF
11 WAGES; TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS REGARDING THE
12 RECOUPMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS BY EMPLOYERS; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 11, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 11-4-406. Recoupment of overpayment of wages.

29 (a) In order to recoup an overpayment of wages paid to an employee, an
30 employer shall:

31 (1) Provide written notice to an employee at least twenty-one
32 (21) days in advance before first deducting from the employee's wages; and

33 (2) Deduct no more than twenty percent (20%) of the employee's
34 gross wages per pay period to recoup the overpayment.

35 (b) The advance written notice required under subdivision (a)(1) of
36 this section shall specify the:

- (1) Amount of overpayment to be recouped;
- (2) Method used to calculate the overpayment; and
- (3) Cause of the overpayment.

(c) An employer that violates this section shall:

- (1) Return to the employee any deductions made from the employee's paychecks; and
- (2) Pay the employee an additional amount equal to the improper deductions taken from the employee's wages as liquidated damages.

(d) Subsections (a)-(c) of this section do not apply to the recoupment of an overpayment of wages by an employer when the overpayment of wages:

- (1) Is discovered after only one (1) pay period; or
- (2) Has been paid to an employee who is employed in a grant-funded position.

/s/B. Davis

Referred requested by the Arkansas Senate
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