
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 273 Session of
2013

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REFERRED TO LABOR AND INDUSTRY, JANUARY 18, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), entitled
2 "An act relating to public works contracts; providing for
3 prevailing wages; imposing duties upon the Secretary of Labor
4 and Industry; providing remedies, penalties and repealing
5 existing laws," further providing for duty of secretary.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 7 of the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987,
9 No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, amended
10 August 9, 1963 (P.L.653, No.342), is amended to read:

11 Section 7. Duty of Secretary.--The secretary shall, after
12 consultation with the advisory board, determine the general
13 prevailing minimum wage rate in the locality in which the public
14 work is to be performed for each craft or classification of all
15 workmen needed to perform public work contracts during the
16 anticipated term thereof: Provided, however, That [employer and
17 employe contributions for employe benefits pursuant to a bona
18 fide collective bargaining agreement shall be considered an
19 integral part of the wage rate for the purpose of determining]

1 the minimum wage rate under this act shall be equal to the
2 average hourly occupational wage for each county as determined
3 from wage information submitted by employers on quarterly
4 unemployment compensation tax returns. Nothing in this act,
5 however, shall prohibit the payment of more than the general
6 prevailing minimum wage rate to any workman employed on public
7 work. The secretary shall forthwith give notice by mail of all
8 determinations of general prevailing minimum wage rates made
9 pursuant to this section to any representative of any craft, any
10 employer or any representative of any group of employers, who
11 shall in writing request the secretary so to do.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.