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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES--OVERTIME

Introduced By: Senator Gordon E. Rogers

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-12-4.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-12 entitled "Minimum  
2 Wages" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-12-4.1. Overtime pay.**

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no employer shall employ any employee  
5 for a workweek longer than forty (40) hours unless the employee is compensated at a rate of one  
6 and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular rate at which he or she is employed for all hours worked in  
7 excess of forty (40) hours per week. Provided however, employers that pay any delivery drivers or  
8 sales merchandisers an overtime rate of compensation for hours worked in excess of forty (40)  
9 hours in any one week shall not calculate that overtime rate of compensation by fluctuating  
10 workweek method of overtime payment under 29 C.F.R. § 778.114.

11 (b) In any workweek in which an employee of a retail business is employed on a Sunday  
12 or a holiday, or both, at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the regular rate at which he or she  
13 is employed as provided in § 5-23-2, the hours worked on the Sunday or holiday or both, shall be  
14 excluded from the calculation of overtime pay as required by this section.

15 (c) No city, town, or fire district shall employ any "firefighter," as defined in § 28-9.1-3,  
16 excluding however civilian employees, for an average workweek longer than forty-two (42) hours  
17 unless the firefighter is compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times his or her regular  
18 rate, for all hours worked in excess of forty-two (42) hours based upon an average workweek. An  
19 average workweek shall be calculated utilizing the prior consecutive eight week (8) period, based

1 upon a seven-day (7) workweek. For the purposes of this section, "hours worked" shall include all  
2 paid leave. [The Central Coventry Fire District, created by the general assembly at its 1959 January](#)  
3 [session, shall be exempted from the requirements of this firefighter overtime subdivision, from July](#)  
4 [1, 2021, until June 30, 2026.](#)

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would exempt the Central Coventry Fire District from the application of the  
2 firefighters' overtime law for five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2021.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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