

**HB0295/473626/1**

BY: Senator Colburn

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 295, AS AMENDED  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 4, after “periods;” insert “prohibiting the State minimum wage rates specified in certain provisions of this Act from going into effect in certain counties except under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to study and evaluate certain matters; requiring a certain study to be completed on or before certain dates and to be submitted to certain departments and certain committees of the General Assembly;”.

On page 2 of the bill, in line 12, strike “a”; and in line 13, strike “provision” and substitute “provisions”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5 of the bill, in line 8, after “(C)” insert “(1)”; and in lines 9, 11, and 13, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(III)”, respectively.

On page 2 of the Finance Committee Amendments (HB0295/717170/1), in lines 4 and 8 of Amendment No. 2, in each instance, before “FOR” insert “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,”; in lines 8 and 10, strike “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(IV)” and “(V)”, respectively; in line 10 before “BEGINNING” insert “EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,”; and in the same line, after “HOOR” insert “.

**(2) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN:**

**1. CAROLINE COUNTY;**

(Over)

2. CECIL COUNTY;
3. DORCHESTER COUNTY;
4. KENT COUNTY;
5. QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY;
6. SOMERSET COUNTY;
7. TALBOT COUNTY;
8. WICOMICO COUNTY; AND
9. WORCESTER COUNTY.

(II) THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(III), (IV), AND (V) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT GO INTO EFFECT IN A COUNTY LISTED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH UNLESS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY COMPLETED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHOWS THAT THE EMPLOYERS IN THE COUNTY CAN WITHSTAND THE IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE.

(III) 1. THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL STUDY AND EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1)(III), (IV), AND (V) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE EMPLOYERS IN THE

COUNTIES LISTED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH CAN WITHSTAND THE IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE.

2. THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAH SHALL BE:

A. COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE INCREASE IS TO OCCUR; AND

B. SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE”.