

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 SB1762

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Daniel Biss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 90/5 820 ILCS 90/10

Amends the Illinois Freedom to Work Act. Expands the scope of the Act to apply to all employees (currently applies only to low-wage employees). Prohibits all covenants not to compete.

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1 AN ACT concerning employment.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4	Section	5.	The	Illinois	Freedom	to	Work	Act	is	amended	bу
5	changing Sec	ctic	ons 5	and 10 as	s follows	:					

6 (820 ILCS 90/5)

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- 7 Sec. 5. Definitions. In this Act:
- 8 "Covenant not to compete" means an agreement:
- 9 (1) between an employer and <u>an</u> a low-wage employee that 10 restricts the such low-wage employee from performing:
- 11 (A) any work for another employer for a specified period of time;
 - (B) any work in a specified geographical area; or
- 14 (C) work for another employer that is similar to
 15 the such low wage employee's work for the employer
 16 included as a party to the agreement; and
- 17 (2) that is entered into after the effective date of 18 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly.
- "Employer" has the meaning given to such term in subsection
 (c) of Section 3 of the Minimum Wage Law. "Employer" does not
 include governmental or quasi-governmental bodies.
- 22 <u>"Employee"</u> <u>"Low-wage employee"</u> means <u>any individual</u>
 23 permitted to work by an employer an employee who earns the

- 1 greater of (1) the hourly rate equal to the minimum wage
- 2 required by the applicable federal, State, or local minimum
- 3 wage law or (2) \$13.00 per hour.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 99-860, eff. 1-1-17.)
- 5 (820 ILCS 90/10)
- 6 Sec. 10. Prohibiting covenants not to compete for low-wage
- 7 employees.
- 8 (a) After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
- 9 <u>100th General Assembly, no</u> No employer shall enter into a
- 10 covenant not to compete with any low-wage employee of the
- 11 employer.
- 12 (b) A covenant not to compete entered into between an
- employer and an a low-wage employee is illegal and void.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 99-860, eff. 1-1-17.)