

## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2017 and 2018 SB3391

Introduced 2/16/2018, by Sen. Cristina Castro

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

820 ILCS 112/15

Amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning enforcement.

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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:

- Section 5. The Equal Pay Act of 2003 is amended by changing

  Section 15 as follows:
- 6 (820 ILCS 112/15)
- 7 Sec. 15. Enforcement.
- 8 (a) <u>The</u> <u>The</u> Director or his or her authorized 9 representative shall administer and enforce the provisions of 10 this Act. The Director of Labor shall adopt rules necessary to
- 11 administer and enforce this Act.
- 12 (b) An employee or former employee may file a complaint
  13 with the Department alleging a violation of this Act by
  14 submitting a signed, completed complaint form. All complaints
  15 shall be filed with the Department within one year from the
  16 date of the underpayment.
- 17 (c) The Department has the power to conduct investigations
  18 in connection with the administration and enforcement of this
  19 Act and the authorized officers and employees of the Department
  20 are authorized to investigate and gather data regarding the
  21 wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of employment
  22 in any industry subject to this Act, and may enter and inspect
  23 such places and such records at reasonable times during regular

- business hours, question the employees and investigate the facts, conditions, practices, or matters as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate to determine whether any person has violated any provision of this Act, or which may aid in the enforcement of this Act.
- 6 The Department may refer a complaint alleging a 7 violation of this Act to the Department of Human Rights for 8 investigation if the subject matter of the complaint also 9 alleges a violation of the Illinois Human Rights Act and the 10 Department of Human Rights has jurisdiction over the matter. 11 When a complaint is referred to the Department of Human Rights 12 under this subsection, the Department of Human Rights shall 13 also file the complaint under the Illinois Human Rights Act and be the agency responsible for investigating the complaint. The 14 15 Department shall review the Department of Human Rights' 16 investigation and findings to determine whether a violation of 17 this Act has occurred or whether further investigation by the Department is necessary and take any necessary or appropriate 18 action required to enforce the provisions of this Act. The 19 20 Director of Labor and the Department of Human Rights shall adopt joint rules necessary to administer and enforce this 21 22 subsection.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 98-1051, eff. 1-1-15.)