

1 AN ACT concerning employment.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Wage Payment and Collection Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (820 ILCS 115/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Departmental wage recovery; remittance to  
8 aggrieved employee.

9 (a) Upon the recovery of unpaid wages, wage supplements, or  
10 final compensation from an employer that has violated this Act,  
11 the Department shall conduct a good faith search to find the  
12 aggrieved employee and to remit to the aggrieved employee the  
13 amount recovered no later than 120 days after the recovery. If  
14 after conducting a good faith search for the aggrieved employee  
15 the Department is unable to find the aggrieved employee, the  
16 Department shall deposit the amount recovered into the  
17 Department of Labor Special State Trust Fund on the first  
18 business day after 120 days after the recovery.

19 (b) An aggrieved employee may file a claim to recover  
20 unpaid wages, wage supplements, or final compensation that has  
21 been deposited into the Department of Labor Trust Fund. For the  
22 purpose of paying claims under this Section from the Department  
23 of Labor Special State Trust Fund to aggrieved employees, the

1 Comptroller shall assign a vendor payment number to the  
2 Department. When an aggrieved employee presents a claim to the  
3 Department, the Department shall use the vendor payment number  
4 to process payment on the behalf of the aggrieved employee.