

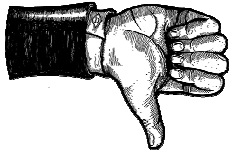


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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



PA HOUSE BILL 104

LEGISLATION - REPEAL PREVAILING WAGE

House of Representatives
Session of 2019 - 2020 Regular Session

MEMORANDUM

Posted: January 4, 2019 09:32 AM
From: [Representative Francis X. Ryan](#)
To: All House members
Subject: **LEGISLATION - REPEAL PREVAILING WAGE ACT**

Republican Representative Francis Ryan introduced a bill to amend the Prevailing Wage Act (Act 442 of 1961) to require that at least 51% of a construction/renovation/repair project be paid for by public monies before it is covered by the act. Currently, the Prevailing Wage Act states that a project in excess of \$25,000 that is paid for "in whole or in part" out of public funds is subject to the act. Thus, unfortunately, projects that receive any public money become subject to the act and its requirements.

Many of us have heard of instances where an organization receives assistance for a project from a state agency or a local government agency, only to find out that receiving the money made the project subject to Prevailing Wage Act requirements. The way the act is currently written, a project (over \$25,000) could receive \$1 of public funding, and subject itself to the act's requirements.

In some instances, the prevailing wage requirements have undermined state economic development programs, because the increased costs of prevailing wage outweigh the economic development incentives offered. In other words, when taxpayer-funded economic development programs are used, state-mandated prevailing wage rules increase the cost of the economic development project.

Introduced as [HB104](#)

Find attached PA House Bill 104