SECOND REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1138

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Small Business, Insurance and Industrial Relations, March 27, 2008, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 292, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to occupational safety and health administration training requirements for certain employees, with penalty provisions and an effective date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 292, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 292.675, to read as follows:

292.675. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- 3 (1) "Construction", construction, reconstruction, demolition, 4 painting and decorating, or major repair;
- 5 (2) "Department", the department of labor and industrial 6 relations:
- 7 (3) "Person", any natural person, joint venture, partnership, 8 corporation, or other business or legal entity;
- 9 (4) "Public body", the state of Missouri or any officer, official, 10 authority, board or commission of the state, or other political 11 subdivision thereof, or any institution supported in whole or in part by 12 public funds;
- 13 (5) "Public works", all fixed works constructed for public use or 14 benefit or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" 15 includes any work done directly by any public utility company when
- 16 performed by it pursuant to the order of the public service commission
- 17 or other public authority whether or not it be done under public
- 18 supervision or direction or paid for wholly or in part out of public
- 19 funds when let to contract by said utility.

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2. Any person signing a contract to work on the construction of public works for any public body shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) construction safety program for their on-site employees which includes a course in construction safety and health approved by OSHA or a similar program approved by the department which is at least as stringent as an approved OSHA program. All employees are required to complete the program within sixteen days of beginning work on such construction project.

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3. Any employee found on a worksite subject to this section without documentation of the successful completion of the course required under subsection 2 of this section shall be afforded ten days to produce such documentation before being subject to removal from the project.

4. The public body shall specify in the resolution or ordinance and in the call for bids for the contract, the requirements of this section. The contractor to whom the contract is awarded and any subcontractor under such contractor shall require all on-site employees to complete the ten-hour training program required under subsection 2 of this section. The public body awarding the contract shall include this requirement in the contract. The contractor shall forfeit as a penalty to the public body on whose behalf the contract is made or awarded, two thousand five hundred dollars plus one hundred dollars for each employee employed by the contractor or subcontractor, for each calendar day, or portion thereof, such employee is employed without the required training. The public body awarding the contract shall include notice of these penalties in the contract. The public body awarding the contract shall withhold and retain therefrom, all sums and amounts due and owing as a result of any violation of this section when making payments to the contractor under the contract. The contractor may withhold from any subcontractor, sufficient sums to cover any penalties the public body has withheld from the contractor resulting from the subcontractor's failure to comply with the terms of this section. If payment has been made to the subcontractor without withholding, the contractor may recover the amount of the penalty resulting from the fault of the subcontractor in an action maintained in the circuit court in the county in which the public works project is located from the subcontractor.

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- 57 5. In determining whether a violation of this section has 58 occurred, and whether the penalty under subsection 4 of this section shall be imposed, the department shall investigate any claim of 59 violation. Upon completing such investigation, the department shall 60 notify the public body and any party found to be in violation of this 61 section of its findings and whether a penalty shall be 62 assessed. Determinations under this section may be appealed in the 63 circuit court in the county in which the public works project is located. 64
 - 6. If the contractor or subcontractor fails to pay the penalty within forty-five days following notification by the department, the department shall pursue an enforcement action to enforce the monetary penalty provisions of subsection 4 of this section against the contractor or subcontractor found to be in violation of this section. If the court orders payment of the penalties as prescribed under subsection 4 of this section, the department shall be entitled to recover its actual cost of enforcement in addition to such penalty amount.
- 7. The department may establish rules and regulations for the 73 74purpose of implementing the provisions of this section. Any rule or 75 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that 76 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become 77 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This 78 79 section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the 80 powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul 81 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 82 83 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall be invalid and void. 84
- 85 8. This section shall not apply to work performed by public utilities which are under the jurisdiction of the public service commission, or their contractors, or work performed at or on facilities owned or operated by said public utilities.

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Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective on August 28, 2009.