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AN ACT

To amend chapter 285, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to employers and wage requirements.

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

Section A. Chapter 285, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 285.026, to read as follows:

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

(1) "Federal poverty level", the first poverty income guidelines published in the
calendar year by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or its
successor agency;

5 (2) "Low-income employee", an employee paid at an annual wage of less than one
6 hundred percent of the federal poverty level. "Low-income employee" shall not include
7 any handicapped person as defined in section 205.968, RSMo.

8 2. No employer shall be eligible for any state-administered or subsidized tax credit, 9 tax abatement, tax exemption, or loan from this state if twenty-five percent or more of such employer's workforce consists of low-income employees. The director of each agency 10 administering or subsidizing a tax credit, tax abatement, tax exemption, or loan under any 11 provision of state law shall place in such agency's criteria for eligibility for such credit, 12 13 abatement, exemption, or loan a signed statement of affirmation by the applicant that less 14 than twenty-five percent of such applicant's workforce are low-income employees. Any individual, individual proprietorship, corporation, partnership, firm, or association that 15

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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is found by the director of the agency administering the program to be in violation of this 16 section shall be ineligible for any state-administered or subsidized tax credit, tax 17 abatement, tax exemption, or loan from this state for five years following such 18 19 determination; provided, however, that the director of the agency administering such 20 credit, abatement, exemption, or loan may, in the director's discretion, elect not to apply such administrative action for a first-time occurrence. 21 Any person, corporation, 22 partnership, or other legal entity that is found to be ineligible for a state-administered or 23 subsidized tax credit, tax abatement, tax exemption, or loan under this subsection may 24 make an appeal with the administrative hearing commission under chapter 621, RSMo.

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