

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of the first sentence of former Art. 100, § 82(b).

The former reference to payment "in legal tender of the United States or checks on banks convertible into cash on demand at full face value" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the substantive requirement of § 3-502(c) of this title. This deletion also allows the definition of "wage" in this subsection to be stated in a manner similar to the definitions in §§ 3-301(c)(1) and 3-501(c)(1) of this title.

The former phrases "subject to such allowances as may be permitted by regulations of the Commissioner ... under § 85" are deleted as surplusage in light of the substantive provisions for computation of wages. See § 3-418 of this subtitle.

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 100, § 82(g), which defined "[o]ccupation" to mean "any occupation, service, trade, business, industry, or branch or group of industries or employment or class of employment in which individuals are gainfully employed", is deleted as unnecessary, since the definition does not add to the meaning of the word "occupation" as it is commonly understood.

Former Art. 100, § 82(h), which defined "[g]ratuities", is deleted as unnecessary, since the word "gratuities" was not used in former Art. 100, §§ 81 through 93A.

3-402. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(A) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT WAGES IN SOME OCCUPATIONS IN THE STATE HAVE BEEN INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE AND TO PROTECT HEALTH.

(B) STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO SET MINIMUM WAGE STANDARDS IN THE STATE TO:

(1) PROVIDE A MAINTENANCE LEVEL THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION FOR THEIR EFFICIENCY, GENERAL WELL-BEING, AND HEALTH;

(2) SAFEGUARD EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AGAINST UNFAIR COMPETITION;

(3) INCREASE THE STABILITY OF INDUSTRY;

(4) INCREASE THE BUYING POWER OF EMPLOYEES; AND

(5) DECREASE THE NEED TO SPEND PUBLIC MONEY FOR THE RELIEF OF EMPLOYEES.