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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 530, L.D. 841, “An Act to Permit a Short-term Waiver from the Minimum Wage for Chronically Unemployed Individuals”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §666-A by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

**'5. Limitation on employer employing individuals issued a special certificate. An employer may employ only one individual issued a special certificate under subsection 2 at any one time.'**

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Regulation and Enforcement 0159**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for 2 Labor and Safety Inspector positions and related All Other costs necessary to support the anticipated increase in regulatory oversight to ensure compliance with the law regarding special wage certificates for individuals experiencing chronic unemployment.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$134,015	\$187,620
All Other	\$10,753	\$14,337
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$144,768</b>	<b>\$201,957</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. This amendment specifies that an employer that employs a chronically unemployed individual issued a special certificate by the Director of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor may employ only one individual issued a special certificate at any one time. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**