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Short Title: Wage & Hour Withholding Changes. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Hall, D. Hall, Jones, and Szoka (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF WAGES BY EMPLOYERS INCIDENT TO EMPLOYEE THEFT AND OTHER WRONGDOING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. G.S. 95-25.8(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Notwithstanding subsections (a) (a), (b), and (c), above, if criminal process has issued against an employee, an employee has been indicted, or an employee has been arrested pursuant to Articles 17, 20, and 32 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes for a charge incident to a cash shortage, inventory shortage, or damage to an employer's property, an employer may withhold or divert a portion of the employee's wages in order to recoup the amount of the cash shortage, inventory shortage, or damage to the employer's property, without the written authorization required by this section, but the amount of such withholdings shall comply with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. If the criminal process or indictment is dismissed or the employee is not found guilty, then the amount deducted shall be reimbursed to the employee by the employer."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to wages earned on or after that date.

