



P.L. 2006, CHAPTER 25, *approved June 22, 2006*  
Assembly, No. 1423

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5 of New Jersey:

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8 34:11-58. The commissioner is authorized and empowered to  
9 investigate any claim for wages due an employee and in such  
10 investigation may summon the defendant, subpoena witnesses,  
11 administer oaths, take testimony and shall upon such proceeding  
12 make a decision or award when the sum in controversy, exclusive of  
13 costs, does not exceed [~~\$10,000.00~~] \$30,000.00.

14 Such decision or award shall be a judgment when a certified  
15 copy thereof is filed with the Superior Court.

16 Such judgment shall be entered in the same manner and have the  
17 same effect and be subject to the same proceedings as are  
18 judgments rendered in suits duly heard and determined by courts of  
19 competent jurisdiction.

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35 (cf: 1991, c.205, s.4)

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37 2. This act shall take effect 90 days after enactment.  
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43 Increases jurisdictional amount allowed for wage disputes heard  
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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 1423

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FREDERICK SCALERA**

**District 36 (Bergen, Essex and Passaic)**

**Assemblyman JEFF VAN DREW**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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#### STATEMENT

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42 This bill increases the dollar amount of wages in controversy for  
43 wage disputes that may be heard by the Department of Labor.  
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ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1423**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2006

This bill increases the dollar amount of wages in wage disputes for which the Department of Labor and Workforce Development is required to make a decision or award. Currently, the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to investigate any claim for wages due an employee and, if the investigation is made, is required to make a decision or award when the sum in controversy, exclusive of costs, is \$10,000 or less. This bill increases that amount to \$30,000.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2006 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MAY 4, 2006

The Senate Labor Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1423.

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