

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by: (LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF QUOTAS BY WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) As used in this section and sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act:
- 3 (1) "Employee" means an individual who is employed at a warehouse
- 4 distribution center. "Employee" does not include a driver or courier
- 5 traveling to or from a warehouse distribution center;
- 6 (2) "Employer" means an individual, corporation, partnership,
- 7 limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability
- 8 company, business trust, estate, trust, association, joint venture, agency,
- 9 instrumentality or any other legal or commercial entity, whether
- domestic or foreign that directly or indirectly, or through an agent or
- any other person, including through services of a third party employer,
- 12 temporary services, staffing agency, independent contractor or any
- 13 similar entity, at any time in the prior twelve months, employs or
- 14 exercises control over the wages, hours or working conditions of one
- 15 hundred or more employees at a single warehouse distribution center

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- in the state or one thousand or more employees at one or more warehouse distribution centers in the state;
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- 18 (3) "Quota" means a work performance standard where:
- (A) An employee is assigned or required to perform at a specified productivity speed or a quantified number of tasks or to handle or produce a quantified amount of material within a defined time period;
- 22 (B) Actions by an employee are categorized and measured between 23 time performing tasks and not performing tasks within a defined time 24 period;
- 25 (C) Increments of time within a defined time period during which an 26 employee is or is not doing a particular activity that are measured, 27 recorded or tallied; or
- 28 (D) An employee's performance is ranked in relation to the 29 performance of other employees;
 - (4) "Work speed data" means information an employer collects, stores, analyzes or interprets relating to an individual employee's performance of a quota, including, but not limited to, quantities of tasks performed, quantities of items or materials handled or produced, rates or speeds of tasks performed by the employee, measurements or metrics of employee performance in relation to a quota and time categorized as performing tasks or not performing tasks; and
 - (5) "Warehouse distribution center" means an establishment as defined by any of the following North American Industry Classification System Codes, however such establishment is denominated: (A) 493110 for General Warehousing and Storage, (B) 423 for Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods, (C) 424 for Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods, (D) 454110 for Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses, or (E) 492110 for Couriers and Express Delivery Services.
- 44 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) On and after July 1, 2026,

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an employer shall provide to each employee a written description of each quota to which such employee is subject, including any potential adverse employment action that may result from a failure to satisfy such quota. Such written description shall be provided to an employer's current employees not later than August 1, 2026. For employees hired after August 1, 2026, such written description shall be provided to the employee upon hire.

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- (b) Whenever an employer makes a change to an existing quota for an employee that results in a new quota for such employee, an employer shall:
- 55 (1) Notify the employee of such change as soon as possible, either 56 verbally or in writing, and prior to the effective date of such new quota; 57 and
- 58 (2) Provide the employee with a written description of the new quota 59 to which such employee is subject to not later than two business days 60 after the change is made.
- (c) Any written description required pursuant to this section shall be
 provided directly to an employee by a manager during such employee's
 work hours.
- Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) On and after July 1, 2026, no quota shall:
- 66 (1) Prevent compliance with the provisions of section 31-51ii of the 67 general statutes concerning meal periods;
- 68 (2) Interfere with an employee's use of the bathroom facilities, 69 including reasonable travel time to and from the bathroom facilities;
- 70 (3) Set a performance standard that measures an employee's total 71 output over an increment of time that is shorter than such employee's 72 work day; or

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(4) Set a performance standard that is based solely on ranking the performance of an employee in relation to the performance of other employees.

- Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) On and after July 1, 2026, no employer shall take any adverse action against an employee for failing to satisfy a quota that violates the provisions of section 3 of this act or has not previously been provided to the employee pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) On and after July 1, 2026, each employer shall establish, maintain and preserve contemporaneous, true and accurate records of (1) each individual employee's work speed data, (2) the aggregated work speed data for similar employees at the same warehouse distribution center, and (3) the written descriptions provided to each employee pursuant to section 2 of this act. Such records shall be maintained for a period of three years. Nothing in this section shall require an employer to establish, maintain and preserve the records required pursuant to this section if such employer does not assign or require quotas or collect, store, analyze or interpret work speed data.
- Sec. 6. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) (a) On and after July 1, 2026, if an employee believes satisfying a quota caused or will cause a violation of section 3 of this act, such employee may request from such employee's employer: (1) A written description of each quota the employee is subject to, (2) a copy of the employee's personal work speed data for the prior ninety days, and (3) a copy of aggregated work speed data for similar employees at the same warehouse distribution center for the prior ninety days.
- (b) On and after July 1, 2026, a former employee may request from a former employer: (1) A written description of each quota the employee was subject to for the ninety days prior to the employee's separation from employment with such employer; (2) a copy of the employee's

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personal work speed data for the ninety days prior to such employee's separation from employment with such employer; and (3) a copy of aggregated work speed data for similar employees at the same warehouse distribution center for the ninety days prior to such employee's separation from employment with such employer. A former employee may only make one request under this section.

- (c) An employer shall provide a written copy of any records requested pursuant to this section not later than five calendar days after receipt of such request. Such written copy shall be provided (1) in both English and the primary language of the employee requesting such records, and (2) for a current employee, directly to the requesting employee by a manager during such employee's work hours.
- Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) On and after July 1, 2026, no employer shall discharge or in any way retaliate, discriminate or take any adverse action against an employee or former employee for (1) making a request pursuant to section 6 of this act, or (2) filing a civil action pursuant to section 8 of this act.
 - (b) On and after July 1, 2026, if an employer discharges or in any way retaliates, discriminates or takes any adverse action against an employee or former employee within ninety days after such employee engages in or attempts to engage in the activities described in subsection (a) of this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such adverse action is in violation of this section. Such presumption may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence that (1) the adverse action was taken for other permissible reasons, and (2) the employee engaging or attempting to engage in the activities described in subsection (a) of this section was not a motivating factor for the employer taking such adverse action.
 - Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) On and after July 1, 2026, an employee aggrieved by a violation of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, or the Attorney General on behalf of an employee aggrieved by a violation of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, may bring a civil action

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in the Superior Court to recover damages, civil penalties and such equitable and injunctive relief as the court deems appropriate. The prevailing party in such civil action may be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs to be taxed by the court.

(b) An employer who violates the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, may be assessed a civil penalty by the court of (1) one thousand dollars for a first violation, (2) two thousand dollars for a second violation, or (3) three thousand dollars for a third or subsequent violation.

Sec. 9. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2025) On and after July 1, 2026, the Workers' Compensation Commission shall monitor the injury rates of employees working in warehouse distribution centers in the state. If an employer is found to have an annual injury rate at or over one and one-half times the average annual injury rate for the relevant North American Industry Classification System codes, based on data reported to the federal Occupational and Safety and Health Administration, the Workers' Compensation Commission shall notify the Labor Commissioner and the commissioner shall determine whether an investigation concerning potential violations of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act is appropriate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 4	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 5	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 6	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 7	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 8	October 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 9	October 1, 2025	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To create restrictions on certain quotas used by warehouse distribution centers and protections for warehouse workers against such quotas.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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