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## **SENATE BILL NO. 70**

#### 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHOEMYER.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 285, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to employers and wage requirements.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 285, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 285.026, to read as follows:

285.026. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Federal poverty level", the first poverty income guidelines
3 published in the calendar year by the United States Department of
4 Health and Human Services or its successor agency;

5 (2) "Low-income employee", an employee paid at an annual wage 6 of less than one hundred percent of the federal poverty level. "Low-7 income employee" shall not include any handicapped person as defined 8 in section 205.968, RSMo.

9 2. No employer shall be eligible for any state-administered or 10 subsidized tax credit, tax abatement, tax exemption, or loan from this 11 state if twenty-five percent or more of such employer's workforce consists of low-income employees. The director of each agency 12administering or subsidizing a tax credit, tax abatement, tax 13exemption, or loan under any provision of state law shall place in such 1415agency's criteria for eligibility for such credit, abatement, exemption, or loan a signed statement of affirmation by the applicant that less than 16 17twenty-five percent of such applicant's workforce are low-income 18employees. Any individual, individual proprietorship, corporation, partnership, firm, or association that is found by the director of the 19 20agency administering the program to be in violation of this section shall be ineligible for any state-administered or subsidized tax credit, 21

22tax abatement, tax exemption, or loan from this state for five years following such determination; provided, however, that the director of 23the agency administering such credit, abatement, exemption, or loan 24may, in the director's discretion, elect not to apply such administrative 2526action for a first-time occurrence. Any person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that is found to be ineligible for a 27state-administered or subsidized tax credit, tax abatement, tax 2829exemption, or loan under this subsection may make an appeal with the 30 administrative hearing commission under chapter 621, RSMo.

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