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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 915, L.D. 1081, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Unfair Wage Agreements under Employment Practices Law."

Amend the bill in the first paragraph after the amending clause by striking out all of the 2nd underlined sentence and inserting in its place the following:

'Debt does not include items incurred by the employee in the course of the employee's work or dealing with the customers on his employer's behalf, such as cash shortages, inventory shortages, dishonored checks, dishonored credit cards, damages to the employer's property in any form or any merchandise purchased by a customer.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the specific exclusions listed in the bill. The amendment makes clear that checks written by the employee himself, or his own dishonored credit cards, might constitute a "debt" to the employer. This simply reflects the general rule stated earlier, that the employee must receive some benefit in order to give rise to a debt.

Reported by the Committee on Labor.
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