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*AN ACT To amend the Bankruptcy Act with respect to the priority of debts owed by a bankrupt to
workmen, servants, clerks, and certain salesmen.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in
Congress assembled,* That clause (2) of subsection (a) of section 64 of the Bankruptcy Act
(11 U.S.C., sec. 104(a)) is amended to read as follows: “(2) wages and commissions,
not to exceed \$600 to each claimant, which have been earned within three months
before the date of the commencement of the proceeding, due to workmen, servants,
clerks, or traveling or city salesmen on salary or commission basis, whole or part time,
whether or not selling exclusively for the bankrupt; and for the purposes of this
clause, the term ‘traveling or city salesman’ shall include all such salesmen, whether or
not they are independent contractors selling the products or services of the bankrupt
on a commission basis, with or without a drawing account or formal contract;”.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall apply only with
respect to proceedings commenced on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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