

**91E.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#):

1. “*Commissioner*” means the labor commissioner, appointed pursuant to [section 91.2](#).
2. “*Employee*” means a natural person who is employed in this state for wages paid on an hourly basis by an employer. An employee does not include a person engaged in agriculture as defined in [section 91A.2](#) or a person engaged in agriculture on a seasonal basis. However, this exemption shall not apply to farm owners who hire workers to work on cropland other than their own.
3. “*Employer*” means a person, as defined in [chapter 4](#), who in this state employs for wages, paid on an hourly basis, one hundred or more natural persons. An employer does not include a client, patient, customer, or other person who obtains professional services from a licensed person who provides the services on a fee service basis or as an independent contractor, or the state, or an agency or governmental subdivision of the state.
4. “*Non-English speaking employee*” means an employee who does not speak, read, write, or understand English to the degree necessary for comprehension of the terms, conditions, and daily responsibilities of employment.
5. “*Farm owner*” does not include a person who uses cropland for research or experimental purposes, testing, developing, or producing seeds or plants for sale or resale.

[90 Acts, ch 1134, §2](#); [96 Acts, ch 1186, §23](#); [2007 Acts, ch 22, §25](#)

Referred to in [§91A.5](#)