

SENATE No. 951

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to promote the Commonwealth's economic recovery with a strong minimum wage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 951) of Marc R. Pacheco, Ellen Story, James B. Eldridge, Sonia Chang-Diaz and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote the Commonwealth's economic recovery with a strong minimum wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to promote the Commonwealth's economic recovery with a strong minimum wage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second sentence, the words “\$8.00 per
3 hour” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

4 \$8.75 per hour as of July 1, 2011, \$9.50 per hour as of July 1, 2012 and \$10.00 per hour
5 as of July 1, 2013

6 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
7 inserting after the second sentence the following new sentences:-

8 Beginning in 2014, and in each year thereafter, the minimum wage shall be adjusted
9 based upon the twelve-month percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all
10 Urban Consumers (or a successor index, if any) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of
11 the United States Department of Labor, based on the most recent twelve-month period for which

12 data is available at the time that the adjustment is made, and rounded to the nearest five cents.
13 The adjusted minimum wage shall be calculated and announced by April 1 of each year, and
14 shall become effective as the new minimum wage on July 1 of each year.

15 SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further
16 amended by striking out, in the last sentence, the word “\$.10” and inserting in place thereof the
17 following words:- \$1.50

18 SECTION 4. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
19 striking out, in the third paragraph, the words “the cash wage required to be paid such an
20 employee on July 1, 1999” and inserting in place thereof:- 70 percent of the wage in effect under
21 section 1 of this chapter

22 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on upon enactment.