

SENATE No. 1925

Senate, Thursday, November 14, 2013 – Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 19, the committee on Ways and Means (Brewer) reports the following committee bill (Senate, No. 1925).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act to restore the minimum wage.

Whereas, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is strengthen the commonwealth’s minimum wage, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the figure “8.00” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following figure:- 9.00.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 151 is hereby further amended by striking out
5 the figure “9.00”, inserted by section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
6 10.00.

7 SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 151 is hereby further amended by striking out
8 the figure “10.00”, inserted by section 2, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
9 11.00.

10 SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 151, as appearing in the 2012 Official
11 Edition, is hereby further amended by inserting after the second sentence the following 2
12 sentences:- The minimum wage rate shall be increased annually by the percentage increase, if
13 any, of the consumer price index as calculated for the northeast region for all urban consumers,
14 as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for the
15 previous 12 month period and rounded up to the nearest 5 cents. The adjusted minimum wage
16 shall be calculated and announced by the commissioner by April 1 of each year and shall become
17 effective as the new minimum wage on July 1 of each year.

18 SECTION 5. Said section 1 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further
19 amended by striking out, in line 12, the figure “.10” and inserting in place thereof the following
20 figure:- .50.

21 SECTION 6. Sections 1 and 5 shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

22 SECTION 7. Section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

23 SECTION 8. Sections 3 and 4 shall take effect on January 1, 2016.