It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 28-12-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-12 entitled “Minimum Wages” is hereby amended to read as follows:

28-12-3. Minimum wages. -- (a) Every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees: commencing July 1, 1999, at least the minimum wage of five dollars and sixty-five cents ($5.65) per hour. Commencing September 1, 2000, the minimum wage is six dollars and fifteen cents ($6.15) per hour.

(b) Commencing January 1, 2004, the minimum wage is six dollars and seventy-five cents ($6.75) per hour.

(c) Commencing March 1, 2006, the minimum wage is seven dollars and ten cents ($7.10) per hour.

(d) Commencing January 1, 2007, the minimum wage is seven dollars and forty cents ($7.40) per hour.

(e) Commencing January 1, 2013, the minimum wage is seven dollars and seventy-five cents ($7.75) per hour.

(f) Commencing January 1, 2014, the minimum wage is eight dollars ($8.00) per hour.

(g) Commencing January 1, 2015, the minimum wage is nine dollars ($9.00) per hour.

(h) Commencing January 1, 2016, the minimum wage is nine dollars and sixty cents ($9.60) per hour.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
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1. This act would provide an increase in the minimum wage from nine dollars ($9.00) to nine dollars and sixty cents ($9.60) per hour on January 1, 2016.

2. This act would take effect upon passage.

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