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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Lombardo, Paolino, Lombardi, and Morgan

Date Introduced: January 31, 2019

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **28-12-3. Minimum wages.**

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

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

9 (c) Commencing March 1, 2006, the minimum wage is seven dollars and ten cents
10 (\$7.10) per hour.

11 (d) Commencing January 1, 2007, the minimum wage is seven dollars and forty cents
12 (\$7.40) per hour.

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

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

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

17 (h) Commencing January 1, 2016, the minimum wage is nine dollars and sixty cents
18 (\$9.60) per hour.

19 (i) Commencing January 1, 2018, the minimum wage is ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10)

1 per hour.

2 (j) Commencing January 1, 2019, the minimum wage is ten dollars and fifty cents
3 (\$10.50) per hour.

4 (k) Commencing January 1, 2021, the minimum wage shall be increased by an amount
5 equal to the total percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-
6 U) published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics for the
7 Northeast Region for the four (4) previous fiscal years, but in no event to exceed twelve percent
8 (12%).

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would increase the hourly minimum wage in accordance with the Consumer
- 2 Price Index for the Northeast Region for the four (4) previous fiscal years, effective January 1,
- 3 2021.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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