AN ACT
RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

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

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Referred To: Senate Labor

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.
(i) Commencing January 1, 2018, the minimum wage is ten dollars and ten cents ($10.10) per hour.
(j) Commencing January 1, 2019, the minimum wage is ten dollars and fifty cents ($10.50) per hour.

(k) Commencing October 1, 2020, the minimum wage is eleven dollars and fifty cents ($11.50) per hour.

(l) Commencing January 1, 2022, the minimum wage shall be increased by an amount equal to the total percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics for the Northeast Region for the four (4) previous fiscal years, but in no event shall the minimum wage decrease to reflect any decrease in the CPI-U.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would increase the minimum wage commencing January 1, 2022, in accordance with an amount equal to the total percentage increase in the consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Northeast Region for the four (4) previous fiscal years. This act would take effect upon passage.