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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 Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Metts, McKenney, and Conley

Date Introduced: January 24, 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, 2020, the minimum wage is eleven dollars and fifty cents  
5 (\$11.50) per hour.

6 (l) Commencing January 1, 2021, the minimum wage is twelve dollars and fifty cents  
7 (\$12.50) per hour.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the hourly minimum wage effective January 2, 2020 to eleven  
2 dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour and effective January 1, 2021, to twelve dollars and fifty  
3 cents (\$12.50) per hour.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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