



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5105

LCO No. 159

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM WAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 31-58 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2008*):

4 (j) "Minimum fair wage" in any industry or occupation in this state
5 means a wage of not less than six dollars and seventy cents per hour,
6 and effective January 1, 2003, not less than six dollars and ninety cents
7 per hour, and effective January 1, 2004, not less than seven dollars and
8 ten cents per hour, and effective January 1, 2006, not less than seven
9 dollars and forty cents per hour, and effective January 1, 2007, not less
10 than seven dollars and sixty-five cents per hour, and effective January
11 1, 2009, not less than eight dollars per hour, or one-half of one per cent
12 rounded to the nearest whole cent more than the highest federal
13 minimum wage, whichever is greater, except as may otherwise be
14 established in accordance with the provisions of this part. All wage
15 orders in effect on October 1, 1971, wherein a lower minimum fair
16 wage has been established, are amended to provide for the payment of
17 the minimum fair wage herein established except as hereinafter

18 provided. Whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased,
19 the minimum fair wage established under this part shall be increased
20 to the amount of said federal minimum wage plus one-half of one per
21 cent more than said federal rate, rounded to the nearest whole cent,
22 effective on the same date as the increase in the highest federal
23 minimum wage, and shall apply to all wage orders and administrative
24 regulations then in force. The rates for learners, beginners, and persons
25 under the age of eighteen years shall be not less than eighty-five per
26 cent of the minimum fair wage for the first two hundred hours of such
27 employment and equal to the minimum fair wage thereafter, except
28 institutional training programs specifically exempted by the
29 commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	31-58(j)

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the minimum wage to eight dollars per hour.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]