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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators Lynch, Pichardo, Miller, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

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. --** (a) Every employer shall pay to each of his or her
4 employees: commencing July 1, 1999, at least the minimum wage of five dollars and sixty-five
5 cents (\$5.65) per hour. Commencing September 1, 2000, the minimum wage is six dollars and
6 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.
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(h) Commencing January 1, 2016, the minimum wage is nine dollars and sixty cents

18 (\$9.60) per hour.

1 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 provide an increase in the minimum wage from nine dollars (\$9.00) to
- 2 nine dollars and sixty cents (\$9.60) per hour on January 1, 2016.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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