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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Potter, Diaz, Edwards, Slater, Corvese,  
Solomon, Craven, Kazarian, and Casimiro  
Date Introduced: January 10, 2025  
Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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- 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)

1 per hour.

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

4 (k) Commencing October 1, 2020, the minimum wage is eleven dollars and fifty cents  
5 (\$11.50) per hour.

6 (l) Commencing January 1, 2022, the minimum wage is twelve dollars and twenty-five  
7 cents (\$12.25) per hour.

8 (m) Commencing January 1, 2023, the minimum wage is thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per hour.

9 (n) Commencing January 1, 2024, the minimum wage is fourteen dollars (\$14.00) per hour.

10 (o) Commencing January 1, 2025, the minimum wage is fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour.

11 [\(p\) Commencing January 1, 2026, the minimum wage is sixteen dollars \(\\$16.00\) per hour.](#)

12 [\(q\) Commencing January 1, 2027, the minimum wage is seventeen dollars \(\\$17.00\) per](#)  
13 [hour.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would set the minimum wage for 2026 at sixteen dollars (\$16) per hour and for  
2   2027 at seventeen dollars (\$17) per hour.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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