

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1820**

By Mr. Marzilli of Arlington, petition of J. James Marzilli, Jr., and others to increase and index the minimum wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO INCREASE AND INDEX THE MINIMUM WAGE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 151 of the Massachusetts  
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by striking the figure “\$8.00” and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following figure:— \$8.50, adjusted for inflation on an annual  
5 basis as specified in the paragraph below.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 1 of said Chapter 151 is hereby further  
2 amended by adding the following paragraph:—  
3 On September 30 of each year, the commissioner shall calculate  
4 the percentage change in the consumer price index, prepared by the  
5 United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, for all urban consumers  
6 nationally during the most recent twelve-month period for which  
7 such data are available. Effective January 1 of the following cal-  
8 endar year, the minimum wage shall be the minimum wage in effect  
9 on January 1 of the current calendar year increased by the per-  
10 centage change in said consumer price index. In no instance shall the  
11 increase be less than zero.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of said Chapter 151 is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after the definition of “Department” the following defini-  
3 tion:—

4 “Employer”, an individual, corporation, partnership, labor organi-  
5 zation, the commonwealth, a political subdivision thereof, including  
6 a city, town, county, or other governmental entity authorized or cre-  
7 ated by state law, including public corporations and authorities, or  
8 any other legal business, public or private, or commercial entity,  
9 including agents of the employer.

1 SECTION 4. Section 7 of said Chapter 151 is hereby amended by  
2 striking out, in the third paragraph, clause (1) and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following:—(1) 50 percent of the wage in effect under  
4 section 1

1 SECTION 5. Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this act shall take effect on  
2 January 1, 2009.

1 SECTION 6. Section 2 of this act shall take effect on January 1,  
2 2010.