

HOUSE No. 1757

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act promoting the Commonwealth's economic recovery with a strong minimum wage .

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i> | <i>9th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Denise Andrews</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i> |
| <i>Cory Atkins</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1757) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to increase the minimum wage and link future increases to the Consumer Price Index. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act promoting the Commonwealth's economic recovery with a strong 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 General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
2 Official

3 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in the second sentence, the words “\$8.00 per
4 hour”

5 and inserting in place thereof the following words:-

6 \$11.00 per hour as of July 1, 2013, \$11.50 per hour as of July 1, 2014 and \$12.00 per
7 hour as of

8 July 1, 2015

9 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 inserting

11 after the second sentence the following new sentences:-

12 Beginning in 2016, and in each year thereafter, the minimum wage shall be adjusted
13 based upon the ‘

14 twelve-month percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban

15 Consumers (or a successor index, if any) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics
16 of the

17 United States Department of Labor, based on the most recent twelve-month period for
18 which

19 data is available at the time that the adjustment is made, and rounded to the nearest five
20 cents.

21 The adjusted minimum wage shall be calculated and announced by April 1 of each year,
22 and

23 shall become effective as the new minimum wage on July 1 of each year.

24 SECTION 3. Said section 1 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further
25 amended by

26 striking out, in the last sentence, the figure “\$.10” and inserting in place thereof the
27 following

28 figure:-

29 \$1.50

30 SECTION 4. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
31 striking out,

32 in the third paragraph, the words “the cash wage required to be paid such an employee on
33 July 1,

34 1999” and inserting in place thereof:-

35 70 percent of the wage in effect under section 1 of this chapter

36 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on upon enactment.