

HOUSE No. 1925

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tram T. Nguyen and Daniel M. Donahue

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the minimum wage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>

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By Representatives Nguyen of Andover and Donahue of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1925) of Tram T. Nguyen, Daniel M. Donahue and others relative to the minimum wage. Labor and Workforce Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to 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 General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “It”, in line 1, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following words:- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27C of chapter 29 or any
4 other general or special law to the contrary, it.

5 SECTION 2. section 1 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
6 inserting before the word “employer”, in line 2, the following words:- public or private.

7 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out
8 the figure “\$15.00” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$16.25.

9 SECTION 4. Section 1 of chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
10 striking out the figure “\$16.25”, inserted by section 2, and inserting in place thereof the
11 following figure:- \$17.50.

12 SECTION 5. Section 1 of chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
13 striking out the figure “\$17.50”, inserted by section 4, and inserting in place thereof the
14 following figure:- \$18.75.

15 SECTION 6. Section 1 of chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
16 striking out the figure “\$18.75”, inserted by section 5, and inserting in place thereof the
17 following figure:- \$20.00.

18 SECTION 7. Chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking section
19 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

20 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27C of chapter 29 or any other
21 general or special law to the contrary, it is hereby declared to be against public policy for any
22 public or private employer to employ any person in an occupation in this commonwealth at an
23 oppressive and unreasonable wage as defined in section 2, and any contract, agreement or
24 understanding for or in relation to such employment shall be null and void. Annually on
25 September 30 the executive office of labor and workforce development shall calculate an
26 adjusted minimum wage rate to maintain employee purchasing power by increasing the current
27 year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation. The adjusted minimum wage rate shall be
28 calculated to the nearest cent using the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical
29 workers or a successor index, for the 12 months prior to each September 1st as calculated by the
30 United States department of labor. Each adjusted minimum wage rate calculated under this
31 section shall take effect on the following January 1.

32 SECTION 8. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is
33 hereby amended by striking out, in line 33, the figure “\$6.75” and inserting in place thereof the
34 following figure:- \$7.92.

35 SECTION 9. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
36 striking out the figure “\$7.92”, inserted by section 8, and inserting in place thereof the following
37 figure:- \$9.19.

38 SECTION 10. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
39 by striking out the figure “\$9.19”, inserted by section 9, and inserting in place thereof the
40 following figure:- \$10.55.

41 SECTION 11. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
42 by striking out the figure “\$10.55”, inserted by section 10, and inserting in place thereof the
43 following figure:- \$12.00.

44 SECTION 12. Section 7 of said chapter 151, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
45 by striking the figure “\$12.00”, inserted by section 11, and inserting in place thereof the
46 following words:- “60 per cent of the minimum wage as determined by the executive office of
47 labor and workforce development pursuant to section 1 of this chapter”.

48 SECTION 13. Section 3 and section 8 shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

49 SECTION 14. Section 4 and section 9 shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

50 SECTION 15. Section 5 and section 10 shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

51 SECTION 16. Section 6 and section 11 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

52 SECTION 17. Section 7 and section 12 shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

53 SECTION 18. On September 30, 2027 the executive office of labor and workforce
54 development shall calculate an adjusted minimum wage rate to maintain employee purchasing
55 power by increasing the current year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation. The adjusted
56 minimum wage rate shall be calculated to the nearest cent using the consumer price index for
57 urban wage earners and clerical workers or a successor index, for the 12 months prior to
58 September 1, 2027 as calculated by the United States department of labor. The adjusted
59 minimum wage rate calculated under this section shall take effect on January 1, 2028.