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1 AN ACT Relating to the inflationary adjustment to the minimum
2 hourly wage; and amending RCW 49.46.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.46.020 and 1999 c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 ~~(1) ((Until January 1, 1999, every employer shall pay to each of
7 his or her employees who has reached the age of eighteen years wages at
8 a rate of not less than four dollars and ninety cents per hour.~~

9 ~~(2) Beginning January 1, 1999, and until January 1, 2000, every
10 employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the
11 age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than five dollars and
12 seventy cents per hour.~~

13 ~~(3))~~ Beginning January 1, 2000, and until January 1, 2001, every
14 employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the
15 age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than six dollars and
16 fifty cents per hour.

17 ~~((4))~~ (2)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2001, and each following
18 January 1st as set forth under (b) of this subsection, every employer

1 shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the age of
2 eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than the amount established
3 under (b) of this subsection.

4 (b) On September 30, 2000, and on each following September 30th,
5 the department of labor and industries shall calculate an adjusted
6 minimum wage rate to maintain employee purchasing power by increasing
7 the current year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation. The
8 adjusted minimum wage rate shall be calculated to the nearest cent
9 using the consumer price index for (~~urban wage earners and clerical~~
10 ~~workers, CPI-W,)~~ all urban consumers, CPI-U, or a successor index, for
11 the twelve months prior to each September 1st as calculated by the
12 United States department of labor. Each adjusted minimum wage rate
13 calculated under this subsection (~~(4)~~) (2)(b) takes effect on the
14 following January 1st.

15 (~~(5)~~) (3) The director shall by (~~regulation~~) rule establish the
16 minimum wage for employees under the age of eighteen years.

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