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To accompany the petition of James W. Hennigan, Jr., for legislation to increase the minimum fair wage rate. Labor and Industries.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

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AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE RATE.

*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  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second  
3 sentence, as most recently amended by section 1 of chap-  
4 ter 762 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof  
5 the following sentence: — A wage of less than one dollar  
6 per hour in any occupation, as defined in this chapter,  
7 shall be conclusively presumed to be oppressive and  
8 unreasonable, wherever the term minimum wage is used  
9 in this chapter, unless the commission has expressly ap-  
10 proved or shall expressly approve the establishment and  
11 payment of a lesser wage under the provisions of sections  
12 seven, eight and nine.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 7 of said  
2 chapter 151, as amended by section 2 of chapter 762 of  
3 the acts of 1955, is hereby further amended by striking  
4 out, in line 2, the word "seventy-five" and inserting in  
5 place thereof the word: — eighty-five, — and by strik-  
6 ing out, in line 5, the word "fifty-five" and inserting in  
7 place thereof the word: — sixty.

1 SECTION 3. Paragraph (2) of section 19 of said chap-  
2 ter 151, as most recently amended by section 3 of said

3 chapter 762 of the acts of 1955, is hereby further amended  
4 by striking out, in line 5, the words "ninety cents" and  
5 inserting in place thereof the words: — one dollar.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on