

# SENATE . . . . No. 751

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[Senate, No. 751. Substituted by the Senate (Glovsky) for the House Bill increasing the minimum fair wage rate (House, No. 2915.)]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### 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 sen-  
3 tence, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter  
4 762 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof  
5 the following sentence:— A wage of less than one dol-  
6 lar per hour in any occupation, as defined in this chapter,  
7 shall be conclusively presumed to be oppressive and un-  
8 reasonable, wherever the term “minimum wage” is used  
9 in this chapter, unless the commission has expressly  
10 approved or shall expressly approve the establishment  
11 and payment of a lesser wage under the provisions of  
12 sections seven, eight and nine.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 151 is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the second paragraph, as most  
3 recently amended by section 2 of said chapter 762, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—  
5 No wage board, however, can recommend minimum  
6 fair wage rates below eighty cents per hour, except for  
7 learners and apprentices, and except for service people  
8 who regularly receive gratuities and whose minimum  
9 fair wage rates shall not be below fifty-five cents per  
10 hour, and except for janitors and caretakers of residen-

11 tial property, who, when furnished with living quarters,  
12 shall be paid a wage of not less than twenty-six dollars  
13 per week, and except for services as golf caddies.

1 SECTION 3. Section 19 of said chapter 151 is hereby  
2 amended by striking out paragraph (2), as most recently  
3 amended by section 3 of said chapter 762, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 (2) Any employer or the officer or agent of any cor-  
6 poration who knowingly pays or agrees to pay to any  
7 employee less than the rates applicable to such employee  
8 under a mandatory minimum fair wage order, or who  
9 pays or agrees to pay to any employee less than one  
10 dollar per hour in any occupation not covered by manda-  
11 tory minimum fair wage order, shall be punished by a  
12 fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred  
13 dollars or by imprisonment for not less than ten nor  
14 more than ninety days, or by both such fine and impris-  
15 onment, and each week in any day of which such em-  
16 ployee is paid less than the rate applicable to him under  
17 a mandatory minimum fair wage order, and each em-  
18 ployee so paid less, shall constitute a separate offence.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on January first,  
2 nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.