
By Mr. Donahue, a petition of Maurice A. Donahue and John F. X. Davoren for legislation to increase the minimum fair wage rates. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE RATES.

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
2 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence, as
3 most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 644 of the acts of
4 1964, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
5 A wage of less than one dollar and forty cents per hour in
6 any occupation, as defined in this chapter, shall be conclu-
7 sively presumed to be oppressive and unreasonable, wherever
8 the term "minimum wage" is used in this chapter, unless the
9 commission has expressly approved or shall expressly approve
10 the establishment and payment of a lesser wage under the
11 provisions of sections seven, eight and nine.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 151 is hereby amended
2 by striking out the second paragraph, as most recently
3 amended by section 5 of said chapter 644 of the acts of 1964,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —
5 No wage board, however, can recommend minimum fair
6 wage rates below one dollar and forty cents per hour, except
7 for learners and apprentices, and except for ushers, ticket
8 sellers and ticket takers whose minimum fair wage rates shall
9 not be below one dollar, and except for service people who
10 regularly receive gratuities and whose minimum fair wage
11 rates shall not be below eighty-five cents per hour, and except
12 for janitors and caretakers of residential property, who, when
13 furnished with living quarters, shall be paid a wage of not

14 less than thirty-six dollars per week, and except for services
15 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 6 of said chapter 644 of the acts of 1964,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

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

1 SECTION 4. The second sentence of section 1 of chapter 151
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of this act, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the words "one dollar and
4 forty cents" and inserting in place thereof the words:—one
5 dollar and sixty cents.

1 SECTION 5. The second paragraph of section 7 of said
2 chapter 151, as appearing in section 2 of this act, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the words "one dollar and forty cents"
4 and inserting in place thereof the words:—one dollar and
5 sixty cents.

1 SECTION 6. Paragraph (2) of section 19 of said chapter 151,
2 as appearing in section 3 of this act, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the words "one dollar and forty cents" and in-
4 serting in place thereof the words:—one dollar and sixty
5 cents.

1 SECTION 7. Minimum wage orders promulgated under the

2 provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-one of the General
3 Laws and which contain minimum wage requirements less
4 than one dollar and forty cents per hour, with the exception
5 of minimum wage requirements relating to learners, ap-
6 prentices and other employees mentioned in section seven of
7 said chapter one hundred and fifty-one, as amended by sec-
8 tion two of this act, shall automatically advance to one dollar
9 and forty cents per hour, on the effective date of this section,
10 and the commissioner of labor and industries shall issue a
11 mandatory order to that effect.

1 SECTION 8. Minimum wage orders promulgated under the
2 provisions of chapter one hundred and fifty-one of the General
3 Laws and which contain minimum wage requirements less
4 than one dollar and sixty cents per hour, with the exception of
5 minimum wage requirements relating to learners, apprentices
6 and other employees mentioned in section seven of said chap-
7 ter one hundred and fifty-one, as amended by section five
8 of this act, shall automatically advance to one dollar and
9 sixty cents per hour, on the effective date of this section,
10 and the commissioner of labor and industries shall issue a
11 mandatory order to that effect.

1 SECTION 9. Sections one, two, three and seven of this act
2 shall take effect on February first, nineteen hundred and sixty-
3 seven.

1 SECTION 10. Sections four, five, six and eight of this act
2 shall take effect on February first, nineteen hundred and sixty-
3 eight.

