

# SENATE . . . . No. 260

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To accompany the petition of Sumner G. Whittier for legislation to increase the minimum wages of certain employees within the Commonwealth. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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. The last sentence of section 1 of chap-  
2 ter 151 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 777  
3 of the acts of 1949, is hereby amended by striking out  
4 the words "sixty-five" in line 1, and inserting the  
5 words: — seventy-five, — so as to read as follows: —  
6 A wage of less than seventy-five cents per hour in  
7 any occupation, as defined in this chapter, shall be  
8 conclusively presumed to be oppressive and unrea-  
9 sonable, wherever the term minimum wage is used in  
10 this chapter, unless the commission has expressly ap-  
11 proved or shall expressly approve the establishment  
12 and payment of a lesser wage under the provisions of  
13 sections seven, eight and nine.

1 SECTION 2. Section 11 of chapter 151 of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 432 of

3 the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by add-  
4 ing at the end the following sentence:— If no action  
5 has been taken for three years after a wage order has  
6 been made mandatory the commission shall review  
7 the order.