

By Mrs. Menard of Somerset, petition of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Joan M. Menard and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase the minimum wage for employees. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A LIVING WAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1992
2 Official Edition, is amended in section one thereof by striking in
3 lines 5 and 6 the words, "four dollars and twenty-five cents per
4 hour" and inserting in place thereof the following:— five dollars
5 and twenty-five cents per hour from July first, nineteen hun-
6 dred and ninety-five to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
7 ninety-six; and thereafter fifty percent of the Massachusetts
8 average hourly wage for nonfarm, nonsupervisory private workers
9 for the preceding twelve months, as determined by the Bureau of
10 Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$0.05, except
11 that any amount determined under this subparagraph shall not be
12 less than the amount applicable under this paragraph for the
13 preceding year.

14 Section one is further amended by adding at the end thereof
15 the following:—

16 On April first of each year the attorney general shall determine
17 the amount of such minimum wage and shall cause that amount to
18 be published in the central register. Said minimum wage shall be
19 in effect as of July first of each year.

