

By Mr. Buffone of Worcester, petition of Charles J. Buffone and another relative to the minimum fair wage rate for the Commonwealth. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM FAIR WAGE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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 of Chapter 151 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out said section and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section:—

4 “It is hereby declared to be against public policy for any
5 employer to employ any person in an occupation in this
6 Commonwealth at an oppressive and unreasonable wage as
7 defined in section two, and any contract, agreement or
8 understanding for or in relation to such employment shall be null
9 and void. A wage less than that established by Federal Law and
10 applicable to the Commonwealth in any occupation, as defined in
11 this Chapter, shall be conclusively presumed to be oppressive and
12 unreasonable, wherever the term “minimum wage” is used in this
13 Chapter, unless the Commissioner has expressly approved or
14 shall expressly approve the establishment and payment of a lesser
15 wage under the provisions of sections seven, and nine. Whenever
16 Federal Legislation is enacted to increase the minimum wage, the
17 Commonwealth shall within ninety days of the effective date
18 thereof, similarly increase the minimum wage in the Com-
19 monwealth in accordance therewith.”

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