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1 AN ACT Relating to using the implicit price deflator to adjust the  
2 minimum wage rate; amending RCW 49.46.020; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.46.020 and 1999 c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 ~~(1) ((Until January 1, 1999, every employer shall pay to each of~~  
7 ~~his or her employees who has reached the age of eighteen years wages at~~  
8 ~~a rate of not less than four dollars and ninety cents per hour.~~

9 ~~(2) Beginning January 1, 1999, and until January 1, 2000, every~~  
10 ~~employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the~~  
11 ~~age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than five dollars and~~  
12 ~~seventy cents per hour.~~

13 ~~(3))~~ Beginning January 1, 2000, and until January 1, 2001, every  
14 employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the  
15 age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than six dollars and  
16 fifty cents per hour.

17 ~~((4))~~ (2)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2001, and each following  
18 January 1st as set forth under (b) of this subsection, every employer

1 shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the age of  
2 eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than the amount established  
3 under (b) of this subsection.

4 (b) On September 30, 2000, and on each following September 30th,  
5 the department of labor and industries shall calculate an adjusted  
6 minimum wage rate to maintain employee purchasing power by increasing  
7 the current year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation. The  
8 adjusted minimum wage rate shall be calculated to the nearest cent  
9 using the ~~((consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical  
10 workers, CPI-W, or a successor index, for the twelve months prior to  
11 each September 1st as calculated by the United States department of  
12 labor))~~ percentage change in the implicit price deflator for personal  
13 consumption expenditures for the United States as published for the  
14 most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of economic analysis of  
15 the federal department of commerce in September of the same year in  
16 which the department calculates the adjusted minimum wage rate. Each  
17 adjusted minimum wage rate calculated under this subsection ~~((+4))~~  
18 (2)(b) takes effect on the following January 1st.

19 ~~((+5))~~ (3) The director shall by regulation establish the minimum  
20 wage for employees under the age of eighteen years.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
24 immediately.

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