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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRONSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to raising the minimum wage annually by a percentage which is based on inflation; and to repeal subdivision 6 of section 652 of the labor law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 652 of the labor law, as amended
2 by section 1 of part K of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to
3 read as follows:
4 1. Statutory. Every employer shall pay to each of its employees for
5 each hour worked a wage of not less than:
6 \$4.25 on and after April 1, 1991,
7 \$5.15 on and after March 31, 2000,
8 \$6.00 on and after January 1, 2005,
9 \$6.75 on and after January 1, 2006,
10 \$7.15 on and after January 1, 2007,
11 \$8.00 on and after December 31, 2013,
12 \$8.75 on and after December 31, 2014,
13 \$9.00 on and after December 31, 2015,
14 and until December 31, 2016, or, if greater, such other wage as may be
15 established by federal law pursuant to 29 U.S.C. section 206 or its
16 successors or such other wage as may be established in accordance with
17 the provisions of this article.
18 (a) New York City. (i) Large employers. Every employer of eleven or
19 more employees shall pay to each of its employees for each hour worked
20 in the city of New York a wage of not less than:
21 \$11.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2016,
22 \$13.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2017,
23 \$15.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2018,

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 and on each following December thirty-first, a wage published by the
 2 commissioner on or before October first, based on the then current mini-
 3 imum wage increased by the rate of inflation, if greater than zero, for
 4 the most recent twelve month period ending June of that year based on
 5 the consumer price index for all urban consumers on a national and
 6 seasonally unadjusted basis (CPI-U), or a successor index as calculated
 7 by the United States department of labor, or, if greater, such other
 8 wage as may be established by federal law pursuant to 29 U.S.C. section
 9 206 or its successors or such other wage as may be established in
 10 accordance with the provisions of this article.

11 (ii) Small employers. Every employer of ten or less employees shall
 12 pay to each of its employees for each hour worked in the city of New
 13 York a wage of not less than:

- 14 \$10.50 per hour on and after December 31, 2016,
- 15 \$12.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2017,
- 16 \$13.50 per hour on and after December 31, 2018,
- 17 \$15.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2019,

18 and on each following December thirty-first, a wage published by the
 19 commissioner on or before October first, based on the then current mini-
 20 imum wage increased by the rate of inflation, if greater than zero, for
 21 the most recent twelve month period ending June of that year based on
 22 the consumer price index for all urban consumers on a national and
 23 seasonally unadjusted basis (CPI-U), or a successor index as calculated
 24 by the United States department of labor, or, if greater, such other
 25 wage as may be established by federal law pursuant to 29 U.S.C. section
 26 206 or its successors or such other wage as may be established in
 27 accordance with the provisions of this article.

28 (b) Remainder of downstate. Every employer shall pay to each of its
 29 employees for each hour worked in the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and
 30 Westchester a wage not less than:

- 31 \$10.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2016,
- 32 \$11.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2017,
- 33 \$12.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2018,
- 34 \$13.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2019,
- 35 \$14.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2020,
- 36 \$15.00 per hour on and after December 31, 2021,

37 and on each following December thirty-first, a wage published by the
 38 commissioner on or before October first, based on the then current mini-
 39 imum wage increased by the rate of inflation, if greater than zero, for
 40 the most recent twelve month period ending June of that year based on
 41 the consumer price index for all urban consumers on a national and
 42 seasonally unadjusted basis (CPI-U), or a successor index as calculated
 43 by the United States department of labor, or, if greater, such other
 44 wage as may be established by federal law pursuant to 29 U.S.C. section
 45 206 or its successors or such other wage as may be established in
 46 accordance with the provisions of this article.

47 (c) Remainder of state. Every employer shall pay to each of its
 48 employees for each hour worked outside of the city of New York and the
 49 counties of Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester, a wage of not less than:

- 50 \$9.70 on and after December 31, 2016,
- 51 \$10.40 on and after December 31, 2017,
- 52 \$11.10 on and after December 31, 2018,
- 53 \$11.80 on and after December 31, 2019,
- 54 \$12.50 on and after December 31, 2020,

55 and on each following December thirty-first, a wage published by the
 56 commissioner on or before October first, based on the then current mini-

1 mum wage increased by a percentage determined by the director of the
2 budget in consultation with the commissioner, with the result rounded to
3 the nearest five cents, totaling no more than fifteen dollars, where the
4 percentage increase shall be based on indices including, but not limited
5 to, (i) the rate of inflation, if greater than zero, for the most recent
6 twelve month period ending June of that year based on the consumer price
7 index for all urban consumers on a national and seasonally unadjusted
8 basis (CPI-U), or a successor index as calculated by the United States
9 department of labor, (ii) the rate of state personal income growth for
10 the prior calendar year, or a successor index, published by the bureau
11 of economic analysis of the United States department of commerce, or
12 (iii) wage growth; or, if greater, such other wage as may be established
13 by federal law pursuant to 29 U.S.C. section 206 or its successors or
14 such other wage as may be established in accordance with the provisions
15 of this article. After amounting to fifteen dollars, the upstate mini-
16 mum wage shall increase each December thirty-first by a wage published
17 by the commissioner on or before October first, based on the then
18 current minimum wage increased by the rate of inflation, if greater than
19 zero, for the most recent twelve month period ending June of that year
20 based on the consumer price index for all urban consumers on a national
21 and seasonally unadjusted basis (CPI-U), or a successor index as calcu-
22 lated by the United States department of labor, or, if greater, such
23 other wage as may be established by federal law pursuant to 29 U.S.C.
24 section 206 or its successors or such other wage as may be established
25 in accordance with the provisions of this article.

26 (d) The rates and schedules established in paragraphs (a) and (b) of
27 this subdivision shall not be deemed to be the minimum wage under this
28 subdivision for purposes of the calculations specified in subdivisions
29 one and two of section five hundred twenty-seven of this chapter.

30 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 652 of the labor law is REPEALED.

31 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.