

# SENATE BILL No. 185

February 23, 2017, Introduced by Senators YOUNG and KNEZEK and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 2014 PA 138, entitled  
"Workforce opportunity wage act,"  
by amending section 4 (MCL 408.414).

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 4. (1) Subject to the exceptions specified in this act,  
2 the minimum hourly wage rate is:

- 3       (a) Before September 1, 2014, \$7.40.
- 4       (b) Beginning September 1, 2014, \$8.15.
- 5       (c) Beginning January 1, 2016, \$8.50.
- 6       (d) Beginning January 1, 2017, \$8.90.
- 7       (e) Beginning January 1, 2018, ~~\$9.25~~ **\$15.00**.

8       (2) Every January beginning in January 2019, the state  
9 treasurer shall adjust the minimum wage by an amount determined by  
10 the state treasurer at the end of the preceding calendar year to  
11 reflect the average annual percentage change in the consumer price

1 index for the most recent 5-year period for which data are  
2 available. As used in this subsection, "consumer price index" means  
3 the most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for the  
4 midwest region from the ~~bureau of labor statistics~~ **BUREAU OF LABOR**  
5 **STATISTICS** of the United States ~~department of labor.~~ **DEPARTMENT OF**  
6 **LABOR**. The wage and hours division of the department of licensing  
7 and regulatory affairs shall post the adjusted minimum wage on its  
8 website by February 1 of the year it is calculated, and the  
9 adjusted rate is effective beginning April 1 of that year. An  
10 annual increase under this subsection ~~shall~~ **MUST** not exceed 3.5%.

11 (3) An increase in the minimum hourly wage rate as prescribed  
12 in subsection (2) does not take effect if the unemployment rate **FOR**  
13 **THIS STATE, AS** determined by the ~~bureau of labor statistics,~~ **BUREAU**  
14 **OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE** United States ~~department of labor,~~ **for**  
15 ~~this state~~ **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,** is 8.5% or greater for the year  
16 preceding the year of the prescribed increase.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
18 after the date it is enacted into law.