HOUSE LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 668

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
REQUIRING STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATES TO BE INCREASED ANNUALLY AT
THE RATE OF INFLATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 50-4-22 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1955, Chapter 200, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"50-4-22. MINIMUM WAGES.--

- A. An employer shall pay an employee the minimum wage rate of six dollars fifty cents (\$6.50) an hour. As of January 1, 2009, an employer shall pay the minimum wage rate of seven dollars fifty cents (\$7.50) an hour.
- B. Beginning July 1, 2013 and on each subsequent

 July 1, the state minimum wage rates provided by law shall be

 increased by the increase in the cost of living. The increase

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in the cost of living shall be measured by the percentage increase as of February of that year over the level as of February of the previous year of the consumer price index for all urban consumers, United States city average for all items, or its successor index, as published by the United States department of labor or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of five cents (\$.05). The governor shall publish by May 1 of each year the adjusted minimum wage rates that take effect on July 1. In no event shall the minimum wage rate be adjusted downward as a result of a decrease in the cost of living.

[B.] C. An employer furnishing food, utilities, supplies or housing to an employee who is engaged in agriculture may deduct the reasonable value of such furnished items from any wages due to the employee.

[6.] D. An employee who customarily and regularly receives more than thirty dollars (\$30.00) a month in tips shall be paid a minimum hourly wage of two dollars thirteen cents (\$2.13). The employer may consider tips as part of wages, but the tips combined with the employer's cash wage shall not equal less than the minimum wage rate as provided in Subsection A of this section. All tips received by such employees shall be retained by the employee, except that nothing in this section shall prohibit the pooling of tips among employees.

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[D.] E. An employee shall not be required to work more than forty hours in any week of seven days, unless the employee is paid one and one-half times the employee's regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty hours. For an employee who is paid a fixed salary for fluctuating hours and who is employed by an employer a majority of whose business in New Mexico consists of providing investigative services to the federal government, the hourly rate may be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the regulations pursuant to that act; provided that in no case shall the hourly rate be less than the federal minimum wage."

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