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1 AN ACT Relating to the state minimum wage; and amending RCW  
2 49.46.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.46.020 and 1993 c 309 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every employer  
7 shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the age of  
8 eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than four dollars and ninety  
9 cents per hour.

10 (2)(a) Beginning January 1, 1997, the applicable minimum wage rate  
11 under subsection (1) of this section shall be five dollars and forty  
12 cents per hour.

13 (b) Beginning January 1, 1998, the applicable minimum wage rate  
14 under subsection (1) of this section shall be five dollars and ninety  
15 cents per hour.

16 (c) Beginning January 1, 1999, the applicable minimum wage rate  
17 under subsection (1) of this section shall be six dollars and forty  
18 cents per hour.

1       (d) Beginning January 1, 2000, the applicable minimum wage rate  
2 under subsection (1) of this section shall be six dollars and ninety  
3 cents per hour.

4       (e) Beginning on July 1, 2000, the applicable minimum wage rate  
5 under subsection (1) of this section shall be determined under this  
6 subsection (2)(e). On June 1, 2000, and on each June 1st thereafter,  
7 the department of labor and industries shall calculate an adjusted  
8 minimum wage rate to reflect the percentage change in the consumer  
9 price index, as follows: The index for the calendar year preceding the  
10 year in which the June calculation is made, to be known as "calendar  
11 year A," is divided by the index for the calendar year preceding  
12 calendar year A, and the resulting ratio is multiplied by the minimum  
13 wage rate in effect on the June 1st on which the respective calculation  
14 is made. The adjusted minimum wage rate shall be calculated to the  
15 nearest cent and shall take effect on July 1st following the  
16 calculation. For the purposes of this subsection, "index" means the  
17 same as the definition in RCW 2.12.037(1).

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

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