

Introduced by

Representatives Thorpe, Boucher, Hoffner, Sveen

Senators Kelsh, T. Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 34-06 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to the state minimum wage rate.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 34-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 created and enacted as follows:

6 **State minimum wage rate.**

- 7 1. Notwithstanding section 34-06-03, the state minimum wage rate is five dollars and
8 fifty cents per hour until January 1, 2000, at which time the state minimum wage
9 rate is six dollars and fifty cents per hour.
- 10 2. By September 30, 2001, and every twenty-four months thereafter, the
11 commissioner shall review the state minimum wage rate to determine whether the
12 rate reflects inflationary changes based upon the most recent annual average of
13 the north central urban consumer price index or a successor index. If the review
14 indicates the minimum wage rate is not at least equal to the inflationary adjusted
15 rate, the commissioner shall adopt an order setting the state minimum wage at a
16 rate equal to at least eighty percent of the inflationary adjusted rate. A minimum
17 wage rate adjusted under this subsection is effective January first of the year
18 immediately following the review.