THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

Amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), entitled "An act establishing a fixed minimum wage and overtime rates 2 for employes, with certain exceptions; providing for minimum 3 rates for learners and apprentices; creating a Minimum Wage Advisory Board and defining its powers and duties; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Labor and Industry; imposing duties on employers; and providing 7 penalties," further providing for definitions and for minimum 8 wages. The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 10 11 hereby enacts as follows: 12 Section 1. Sections 3 and 4 of the act of January 17, 1968 13 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, are 14 amended by adding subsections to read: Section 3. Definitions. -- As used in this act: 15 16 (j) "Consecutive" means a successive and uninterrupted 17 18 period of time on the payroll of an employer. 19 Section 4. Minimum Wages. -- Except as may otherwise be 20 provided under this act: 21

- 1 (f) (1) An employer shall pay an employe earning a wage
- 2 rate of less than ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) an hour an
- 3 automatic increase in the amount of at least fifty cents (\$0.50)
- 4 an hour every six consecutive months worked by the employe until
- 5 the hourly wage rate of ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) an
- 6 hour is attained. At such time as an hourly wage rate of ten
- 7 dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) is reached, the automatic
- 8 <u>increases shall cease.</u>
- 9 (2) An employer shall pay a tipped employe earning a tipped
- 10 wage rate of less than five dollars (\$5.00) per hour an
- 11 automatic increase in the amount of at least fifty cents (\$0.50)
- 12 an hour for every six consecutive months worked by the tipped
- 13 employe until the hourly wage rate of five dollars (\$5.00) is
- 14 <u>attained. At such time as the tipped wage rate of five dollars</u>
- 15 (\$5.00) is reached, the automatic increases shall cease.
- 16 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and
- 17 (2), nothing in this act may preclude an employer from providing
- 18 additional wage increases based upon merit or other prescribed
- 19 standards to an employe throughout the course of his or her
- 20 employment.
- 21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.