

BY: Senator Pinsky

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 295, AS AMENDED
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 4, after “periods;” insert “increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate in effect for certain periods of time based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, beginning on a certain date and each subsequent year, to determine and announce the growth in the Consumer Price Index, if any, and the new State minimum wage rate;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4 of the bill, in line 20, after “(a)” insert “**(1)** IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “CONSUMER PRICE INDEX” MEANS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS FOR THE WASHINGTON–BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA OR A SUCCESSOR INDEX PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

(3);

and in the same line, strike “In this section, “employer”” and substitute ““EMPLOYER””.

On page 5 of the bill, in line 8, after “(C)” insert “**(1)**”; and in lines 9, 11, and 13, strike “**(1)**”, “**(2)**”, and “**(3)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(I)**”, “**(II)**”, and “**(III)**”, respectively.

(Over)

On page 2 of the Finance Committee Amendments (HB0295/717170/1), in lines 8 and 10 of Amendment No. 2, strike “(4)” and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(IV)” and “(V)”, respectively; in line 9, strike “AND”; in line 10, before “BEGINNING” insert “FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD”; and in the same line, after “HOOR” insert “;
AND

(VI) FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT 12-MONTH PERIOD, THE RATE DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT 12-MONTH PERIOD, THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE SHALL BE INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST CENT, THAT EQUALS THE PRODUCT OF:

1. THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE IN EFFECT FOR THE PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD; AND

2. THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II)1 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(II) BEGINNING ON MARCH 1, 2019, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT MARCH 1, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DETERMINE AND ANNOUNCE:

1. THE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE GROWTH, IF ANY, IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BASED ON THE MOST RECENT 12-MONTH PERIOD FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE ON MARCH 1; AND

2. THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE EFFECTIVE FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE FOLLOWING JULY 1.

(iii) IF THERE IS A DECLINE OR NO GROWTH IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE SHALL REMAIN THE SAME AS THE RATE THAT WAS IN EFFECT FOR THE PRECEDING 12-MONTH PERIOD”.