

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1464

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5 By: Representative Nickels
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MINIMUM WAGE TO PARALLEL THE
10 FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT TO AMEND THE MINIMUM WAGE TO
14 PARALLEL THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE LAW.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 11-4-210(a) concerning the state minimum
20 wage, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1) ~~Beginning October 1, 2006, every~~ An employer shall pay each of
22 his or her employees wages at the rate of not less than ~~six dollars and~~
23 ~~twenty five cents (\$6.25)~~ six dollars and fifty-five cents (\$6.55) per hour
24 except as otherwise provided in this subchapter.

25 (2) Beginning July 24, 2009, every employer shall pay each of
26 his or her employees wages at the rate of not less than seven dollars and
27 twenty-five cents (\$7.25) per hour except as otherwise provided in this
28 subchapter.
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30 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the national and state
32 economies have weakened and continue to weaken; that Arkansas families face
33 serious and increasing financial hardships; that the financial hardships risk
34 causing irreparable harm to the welfare of Arkansas families and the economy
35 of this state and that this act is immediately necessary because an increase
36 in wages will immediately allow Arkansas citizens to meet the steadily



1 increasing weight of the present fiscal crisis. Therefore, an emergency is
2 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
3 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
4 on:

5 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

6 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
7 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
8 bill; or

9 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
10 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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