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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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RELATING TO LABOR – MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators DaPonte, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Paiva-Weed, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: January 19, 2006

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-12-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-12 entitled "Minimum
2 Wages" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-12-3. Minimum wages.** – (a) Every employer shall pay to each of his or her
4 employees: commencing July 1, 1999, at least the minimum wage of five dollars and sixty five
5 cents (\$5.65) per hour. Commencing September 1, 2000, the minimum wage is six dollars and
6 fifteen cents (\$6.15) per hour.

7 (b) Commencing January 1, 2004, the minimum wage is six dollars and seventy-five
8 cents (\$6.75) per hour.

9 (c) Commencing March 1, 2006, the minimum wage is seven dollars and ten cents
10 (\$7.10) per hour.

11 (d) Commencing January 1, 2007, the minimum wage is seven dollars and forty cents
12 (\$7.40) per hour.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would increase the minimum hourly wage from six dollars and seventy-five
2 cents (\$6.75) to seven dollars and ten cents (\$7.10) effective March 1, 2006, and to seven dollars
3 and forty cents (\$7.40) effective January 1, 2007.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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