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Title: An initiated measure to increase the state minimum wage.

Attorney General Explanation:

The initiated measure amends state law to raise South Dakota's hourly minimum wage for non-tipped employees from $7.25 to $8.50 per hour, effective January 1, 2015.

Thereafter, this minimum wage will be annually adjusted by any increase in the cost of living. The cost of living increase is measured by the change in the Consumer Price Index published by the U.S. Department of Labor. In no case may the minimum wage be decreased.

In addition, the hourly minimum wage for tipped employees will be half the minimum wage for non-tipped employees as adjusted by any cost of living increase described above. These increases would apply to all employers in South Dakota, with limited exceptions.

Filed this 26th day of August, 2013

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