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Montana's Minimum Wage Will Increase \$.10 January 1.

(**Helena**) Montana's minimum wage will increase from \$7.25 per hour to \$7.35 per hour on January 1, 2011. "Montana Law requires an adjustment to the minimum wage to be calculated no later than September 30, of each year," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly.

Initiative 151, enacted by Montana voters in 2006, proposed raising the state's minimum wage to be the greater of either the current state or federal minimum wage. It also added an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the state minimum wage.

The increase in the minimum wage is based upon any increase in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items (CPI) from August of the preceding year to August of the year in which the calculation is made. This amount is to be rounded to the nearest five cents.

The current minimum wage rate is \$7.25. Based on an increase in the CPI of 1.119% from August, 2009 to August, 2010, the calculation used for determining the minimum wage rate for 2009 is as follows:

$$\$7.25 \times .0111\% = \$.08, \text{ rounded to } \$0.10$$

Information relating to Montana's minimum wage may be downloaded from DLI's website at mtwagehourbopa.com

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