

HOUSE BILL NO. 300

Introduced: 01/19/83

Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment Relations: 01/19/83

Hearing 1/26/83

Report: 02/04/83, Do Pass, As Amended

2nd Reading: 02/07/83, Do Pass

3rd Reading: 02/09/83, Do Pass

Transmitted to Senate: 2/9/83

Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment Relations:

02/10/83

Hearing: 3/12/83

Report: 03/21/83, Be Not Concurred In. Report Adopted.

Returned to House: 3/21/83

On Motion, 3/22/83, That the Senate Reconsider Its Action of  
the Previous Legislative Day in Adopting the Adverse  
Committee Report. Motion Failed.

Died in Committee

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Farris* *Bachman* *O'Connell*  
 3 *J. Brown* *Wasko* *Steele* *John Hansen* *Nisbet*  
 4 *Libonstad* *McLanich* *Keenan* *J. Jensen* *Howe* *McBride*  
 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO RAISE THE STATE  
 6 MINIMUM WAGE TO THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE LEVEL; AMENDING  
 7 SECTION 39-3-404, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."  
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 12 workers as provided in subsection (2), every employer shall  
 13 pay to each of his employees wages at a rate not less than  
 14 provided in subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b), save and except  
 15 for farm workers as herein defined:

16 (a) \$2.50 an hour for the first year from July 1,  
 17 1981;

18 (b) \$2.75 an hour for the second year from July 1,  
 19 1981, and thereafter at least \$3.35 an hour after July 1,

20 1983.

21 (2) In the case of a farm worker employed for a part  
 22 of a calendar year which includes periods requiring working  
 23 hours in excess of 8 hours per day and other seasonal  
 24 periods requiring working hours substantially less than 8  
 25 hours per day, the employer may pay the worker at a fixed

1 rate of compensation during the term of employment. The  
 2 employer may elect to:

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 7 which said employee was employed by him shall not be less  
 8 than the applicable minimum wage rate multiplied by the  
 9 total number of hours so worked); or

10 (b) in lieu of the minimum wage set forth herein, pay  
 11 the farm worker a wage as herein defined on a monthly basis.  
 12 This monthly compensation shall constitute a minimum wage  
 13 and shall not be less than the following rates:

14 (i) \$575 a month for the first year from July 1, 1981;

15 (ii) \$635 a month for the second year from July 1,  
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