Connecticut’s Minimum Wage Increases to $8.70 Effective January 1, 2014

WETHERSFIELD, December 13, 2013 – Connecticut’s minimum wage will increase to $8.70 per hour as of January 1, 2014, State Labor Commissioner Sharon Palmer reminds all state residents. The current minimum wage is $8.25 an hour.

“This increase to $8.70 is the first part of a two-year increase in the minimum wage,” Palmer explains. “On January 1, 2015, in accordance with Public Act 13-117, Connecticut’s minimum wage will increase to $9.00.”

Although the federal minimum wage is currently $7.25, Connecticut businesses must pay the state minimum wage, emphasizes Gary K. Pechie, Director of the agency’s Division of Wage and Workplace Standards.

Under section 31-60 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Public Act 13-117, the Connecticut minimum wage rate for service employees, specifically restaurant wait staff and bartenders, is determined by using a formula that takes tip deductions into account. The rates can be found on the Connecticut Department of Labor’s website at www.ct.gov/dol, or by contacting the Labor Department’s Division of Wage and Workplace Standards at (860) 263-6790.

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