COMMISSIONER RICCIUTI SETS DECEMBER 1 AS EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NEW MINIMUM RATES IN RESTAURANT INDUSTRY

A new minimum wage order for the restaurant industry will become effective on Monday, December 1, it was announced today by Labor Commissioner Renato E. Ricciuti. The wage order has been filed in the Offices of the Attorney General and the Secretary of State. The complete wage order will be published in the Connecticut Law Journal later this month, the Commissioner stated.

The order sets new minimum wage rates for employees in the restaurant industry. All employees in this category must receive at least a minimum hourly rate of $1.00 an hour. For service employees (waiters and waitresses), employers are allowed to consider up to $0.35 per hour for tips as part of the minimum hourly rate. The wage order also includes the requirement that overtime must be paid to all employees for any work in excess of 48 hours per week and for any work done on a seventh consecutive day of work at a rate of not less than time and a half the minimum hourly rate. A regulation allowing
deductions by the employer for laundry has been eliminated in this wage order, the Commissioner noted. Allowances for meals and lodging remain the same.

Commissioner Ricciuti cautioned employers to make all necessary payroll adjustments to assure compliance on the effective date.
Wage Hearing
For Restaurant
Workers Set

A public hearing on whether the wages of some 22,000 restaurant employees in Connecticut should be increased will be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol Sept. 2 at 10 a.m.

State Labor Commissioner Renato E. Ricciuti will preside at the hearing. Under discussion will be the recommendations made by a wage order board headed by retired Chief Justice William M. Malthe of the State Supreme Court of Errors.

The Board recommended that the present minimum wage of 75 cents an hour in the restaurant industry be increased to $1. The Board also recommended that deductions for laundry be eliminated and deductions from the minimum wage for tips be increased from the present 30 cents an hour to 35 cents an hour.

Ricciuti said he hopes all interested persons, both employers and employees, will attend the hearing and give their views.
LEO J. DUNN, Deputy Labor Commissioner

Release Date:
Wednesday, August 20, 1958

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In reviewing the recommendations of the Board, the Commissioner noted several changes from the current wage order effective in the restaurant industry. The minimum hourly wage for service and non-service employees in the restaurant industry would be raised from 75 cents to $1.00 an hour. Laundry expense was eliminated as an allowable deduction from this minimum and the permissible deduction for gratuities from service employees' minimum hourly rate was raised from 30 cents to 35 cents.
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