

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2278

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to increase the minimum wage and to provide for an increase in such wage based on the cost of living.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 1997

Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Liveable Wage Act
5 of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE.**

7 (a) RATE INCREASE.—Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair
8 Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) is
9 amended by striking out “and” after “1996,” and by in-

1 serting before the semicolon the following: “, and not less
2 than \$6.50 an hour after December 30, 1997”.

3 (b) COST OF LIVING INCREASE.—Section 6 of the
4 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) At the beginning of each calendar year after De-
7 cember 30, 1998, the Secretary shall adjust the rate appli-
8 cable under subsection (a)(1) by the percentage increase
9 which is applicable to the primary insurance amount under
10 section 215(i) of the Social Security Act effective for bene-
11 fits payable in January of such calendar year.”.

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