

**HOUSE BILL NO. 56**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES KOTT, Harris, Mulder**

**Introduced: 1/12/01**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to minimum wages."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 23.10.065(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Except as provided under (b) of this section, an employer shall pay to each  
5 employee wages at a rate of not less than \$6.90 [50 CENTS] an hour [GREATER  
6 THAN THE PREVAILING FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE LAW] for hours worked  
7 in a pay period, whether the work is measured by time, piece, commission, or  
8 otherwise. An employer may not apply tips or gratuities bestowed upon employees as  
9 a credit toward payment of the minimum hourly wage required by this section. Tip  
10 credit as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended does not apply  
11 to the minimum wage established by this section.

12 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
13 read:

14 **APPLICABILITY AND TRANSITION.** (a) AS 23.10.065(a), as amended in sec. 1  
15 of this Act, applies to work performed beginning on January 1, 2003, and thereafter.

1 (b) Notwithstanding the minimum wage amount established in AS 23.10.065(a), as  
2 amended in this Act, for work performed beginning on

3 (1) January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, the minimum wage amount  
4 is \$6.40 an hour; and

5 (2) the effective date of this Act through December 31, 2001, the minimum  
6 wage amount is 50 cents an hour greater than the prevailing Federal Minimum Wage Law.

7 (c) Notwithstanding AS 23.10.065(b) and (c), beginning on the effective date of this  
8 Act through December 31, 2002, an employer shall pay to each person employed as a public  
9 school bus driver wages at a rate of not less than two times the minimum wage established  
10 under (b) of this section for hours worked in a pay period, whether work is measured by time,  
11 commission, or otherwise. An employer may not apply fringe benefits as a credit toward  
12 payment of the minimum wage established under this subsection. An employer who contracts  
13 with the Department of Education and Early Development, a school district, or a regional  
14 educational attendance area to provide school bus transportation services is not required to  
15 adjust school bus driver wages under this subsection except when entering into or renewing  
16 the contract.

17 (d) Beginning on the effective date of this Act through December 31, 2002, references  
18 in state law to the state minimum wage under AS 23.10.065 shall be considered to refer to the  
19 state minimum wage under (b) of this section.