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State minimum wage going up

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PHOENIX — Minimum wage workers in Arizona are set to get a raise starting Tuesday.

The 15-cent per hour boost is automatic under the state's voter-approved minimum wage law, bringing the new wage to \$6.90 per hour. In each following year, wages will be adjusted based on increases in the cost of living.

That's a big change from what the minimum wage was in November 2006, when voters approved Proposition 202 by a 2-to-1 ratio.

The initiative boosted the state's bottom-tier wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.75 per hour.

With the raise, a person working 40 hours per week at the minimum can expect to make \$276 per week, or \$14,352 per year.

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