



Governor signs \$15 minimum wage plan

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Under the bill, the state's minimum wage, which is now \$10 per hour, will increase to \$10.50 per hour on January 1, 2017, and to \$11 per hour on January 1, 2018, for businesses with 26 or more employees.

The candidate, who backs a \$12 federal minimum wage and local increases on top of that, praised Cuomo's practical centrist work. The law only increases New York's state-wide minimum rate to \$12.50 an hour. The former first lady predicted the movement will "sweep our country". For the Hudson Valley and the rest of upstate NY, the minimum wage would increase to \$9.70 at the end of 2016, then another.

Jerry Brown (D) signed into law a measure Monday that will hike the state's minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2023 - making the Golden State the second in the nation to legislate a wage hike to that level.

Gov. Jerry Brown signs \$15 minimum wage law in Los Angeles.

California and NY have taken action to ratchet up the minimum wage in their states to \$15 per hour.

Republicans and business leaders opposed the statewide minimum-wage hike, arguing it will lead to businesses reducing the size of their work force or increasing prices to cover the costs of the increased wages.

"It's about creating a little tiny balance in a system that every day becomes more unbalanced", Brown said during a ceremony at the Ronald Reagan State Building.

Before Minnesota considers implementing \$15 minimum wage, we want the state to ensure the policy will actually benefit the people it's meant to support.

California has approximately seven million hourly workers, with around 2.2 million earning the minimum wage, the governor's office said. The reality in California is grim because the cost of living in that state is higher compared to the other regions in the United States.

Citing research from the right-leaning CATO Institute, Lawson wrote in a brief last month that a 10 percent increase in the minimum wage would lead to half a percentage point reduction in the employment growth rate.

It's a matter of economic justice, Brown said. It also allows the governor discretion to pause wage increases for one year in the case of a budget deficit or poor economic conditions.

The bill was pushed through the Legislature by Democrats - who control both chambers - without a single Republican vote.

What's clear is that many people in the Twin Cities area are angry about their low wages.

The long fight for a higher minimum wage in NY is over. This is substantially more than the federal minimum wage, now set at 7 dollars and 25 cents per hour.

Governor Brown said minimum wages might not make sense economically but that, "morally and socially and politically they make every sense". "Unfortunately, they're not really honest moves, and I think were she to get the nomination, I think you would see her backing off some of those "progressive moves" that she's made over the course of this campaign", he said.