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To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2006

Mr. BOEHLERT (for himself, Mr. KUHLMAN of New York, Mr. LEACH, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. NEY, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SWEENEY, and Mr. LATOURETTE) 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 “Minimum Wage Com-
5 petitiveness Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM WAGE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor
3 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)) is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 “(1) except as otherwise provided in this sec-
6 tion, not less than—

7 “(A) \$6.00 an hour, beginning on the 60th
8 day after the date of enactment of the Min-
9 imum Wage Competitiveness Act of 2006;

10 “(B) \$6.75 an hour, beginning on the date
11 that is 180 days after that 60th day; and

12 “(C) \$7.15 an hour, beginning on the date
13 that is 1 year after that 60th day;”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall take effect 60 days after the date of
16 enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY OF MINIMUM WAGE TO THE COM-**
18 **MONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA**
19 **ISLANDS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Fair Labor
21 Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206) shall apply to the
22 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

23 (b) TRANSITION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a),
24 the minimum wage applicable to the Commonwealth of the
25 Northern Mariana Islands under section 6(a)(1) of the

1 Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1))

2 shall be—

3 (1) \$3.55 an hour, beginning on the 60th day
4 after the date of enactment of this Act; and

5 (2) increased by \$0.50 an hour (or such lesser
6 amount as may be necessary to equal the minimum
7 wage under section 6(a)(1) of such Act), beginning
8 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act
9 and every 6 months thereafter until the minimum
10 wage applicable to the Commonwealth of the North-
11 ern Mariana Islands under this subsection is equal
12 to the minimum wage set forth in such section.

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