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S.D. minimum wage to increase on July 24

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Mike Rounds announces South Dakota’s minimum wage will see its first increase in nearly ten years on July 24. It will increase in 70 cent increments over the next three years, raising it to \$5.85 on July 24, 2007, \$6.55 in 2008 and \$7.25 in 2009.

“With our growing economy, this allows those in lower wage brackets to benefit and help drive that economy,” said Rounds. Legislation proposed by Rounds passed during the 2007 South Dakota Legislative Session. This enacts the state minimum wage increase on the effective date of the increase in the federal minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

The South Dakota Department of Labor (SDDOL) is informing employers of the increase through direct mailers and outreach efforts through local Career Centers. Revised labor law compliance posters will be available at no charge when the new federal minimum wage posting is issued. Employers should beware of bogus poster companies soliciting unsuspecting businesses by selling compliance posters.

Specific questions on minimum wage may be directed to the SDDOL’s Wage and Hour Division at (605) 773-3682. Additional workforce information is available at www.sdjobs.org.