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Youth Minimum Wage Referendum Fails

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Secretary of State's office has completed its official canvas of votes and declared Referred Law 20 failed. It sought to establish a youth minimum wage.

Youth workers must receive at least the state minimum wage of \$8.55/hour. The state minimum wage increases to \$8.65/hour on Jan. 1, 2017.

There are exceptions for babysitters, outside salespeople, seasonal amusement or recreational workers. Employees under age 20 can receive an opportunity wage on a one-time, 90 calendar day basis of \$4.25/hour. Tipped employees must receive a cash wage of \$4.275/hour. This amount increases to \$4.325/hour effective Jan. 1, 2017.

Contact the Department of Labor and Regulation at 605-773-3682 for more information.