

1 S.23

2 Representative Browning of Arlington moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 384, by striking out subdivision (a)(1) in its
5 entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (a)(1) to read as
6 follows:

7 (a)(1)(A) An employer shall not employ any employee at a rate of less than
8 ~~\$9.15. Beginning on January 1, 2016, an employer shall not employ any~~
9 ~~employee at a rate of less than \$9.60. Beginning on January 1, 2017, an~~
10 ~~employer shall not employ any employee at a rate of less than \$10.00.~~
11 ~~Beginning on January 1, 2018, an employer shall not employ any employee at~~
12 ~~a rate of less than \$10.50, and beginning \$10.78. Beginning on January 1,~~
13 ~~2019 2020 and on each subsequent January 1, of 2021~~ the minimum wage rate
14 shall be increased by five percent or the percentage increase of the Consumer
15 Price Index, CPI-U, U.S. city average, not seasonally adjusted, or successor
16 index, as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor or successor agency for
17 the 12 months preceding the previous September 1, whichever is smaller, but
18 in no event shall the minimum wage be decreased.

19 (B) Beginning on January 1, 2022 and on each subsequent January 1,
20 the minimum wage rate shall be increased by two and one quarter times the
21 percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, CPI-U, U.S. city average,

1 not seasonally adjusted, or successor index, as calculated by the U.S.
2 Department of Labor or successor agency for the 12 months preceding the
3 previous September 1, provided that the rate of increase shall not be more than
4 five and one half percent, until the minimum wage is equal to or greater than
5 \$15.00. On January 1 of the first year after the minimum wage rate reaches an
6 amount that is equal to or greater than \$15.00 and on each subsequent
7 January 1, the minimum wage rate shall be increased by five percent or the
8 percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, CPI-U, U.S. city average,
9 not seasonally adjusted, or successor index, as calculated by the U.S.
10 Department of Labor or successor agency for the 12 months preceding the
11 previous September 1, whichever is smaller. In no event shall the minimum
12 wage be decreased.

13 (C) The minimum wage shall be rounded off to the nearest \$0.01.

14 Second: In Sec. 1, 21 V.S.A. § 384, by striking out subsection (f) in its
15 entirety and by inserting a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

16 (f)(1) Notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), on or before December 1, 2021,
17 and on or before each subsequent December 1 until the minimum wage
18 established pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) of this section reaches \$15.00, the
19 Commissioner of Taxes shall submit a written report to the Governor and the
20 General Assembly regarding whether the inflation-adjusted revenues from the
21 sales tax imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9771 and the use tax imposed

1 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9773 for the 12-month period ending on September 30
2 of that year have decreased by two percent or more relative to the revenues
3 from the sales tax and use tax for the 12-month period ending on September 30
4 of the previous year.

5 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the minimum
6 wage rate established pursuant to subdivision (a)(2) shall be increased by the
7 percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index, CPI-U, U.S. city average,
8 not seasonally adjusted, or successor index, as calculated by the U.S.
9 Department of Labor or successor agency for the 12 months preceding the
10 previous September 1 or by five percent, whichever is smaller, on January 1 of
11 the next calendar year if two of the following occur:

12 (A) The Commissioner of Taxes' report indicates that the inflation-
13 adjusted revenues from the sales tax imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9771 and
14 the use tax imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9773 for the 12-month period
15 ending on September 30 of that year have decreased by two percent or more
16 relative to the revenues from the sales tax and use tax for the 12-month period
17 ending on September 30 of the previous year.

18 (B) The official State revenue estimate for the General Fund in the
19 current or next fiscal year is reduced by two percent or more.

1 (C) The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (U-3) for the State is
2 equal to or greater than five percent for any single month between April 1 and
3 September 30 of the current calendar year.

4 Third: In Sec. 5, report on increases for Medicaid participating providers,
5 in the first sentence, after “On or before December 15,” by striking out “2019”
6 and inserting in lieu thereof “2021”

7 Fourth: In Sec. 5, report on increases for Medicaid participating providers,
8 in the first sentence, after “the projected costs for fiscal years” by striking out
9 “2020 and 2021” and inserting in lieu thereof “2022 and 2023”

10 Sixth: In Sec. 7, report on inflation index for minimum wage rate, in the
11 first sentence, after “On or before January 15,” by striking out “2023” and
12 inserting in lieu thereof “2021”

13 Seventh: In Sec. 7, report on inflation index for minimum wage rate, in the
14 first sentence, by striking out “after 2024”