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Maryland Employers Be Aware: Effective Today Maryland's State-Wide Minimum Wage Increases to \$8.75 Per Hour And Montgomery County Increases Its Minimum Wage To \$10.75 Per Hour

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Today, the statewide minimum wage in Maryland <u>increased</u> from \$8.25 per hour **to \$8.75 per hour**. This represents a regularly-scheduled increase as part of the Maryland Minimum Wage Act of 2014 (the "Act"), which will increase the minimum wage in Maryland from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour by July 2018. The next scheduled increase under the Act will occur on July 1, 2017 when the minimum wage will increase to \$9.25 per hour.

Employers in Montgomery County, Maryland have a separate <u>special minimum wage</u> increase that goes into effect today. Today, the minimum wage for employers operating in Montgomery County increases from \$9.55 per hour *to* \$10.75 *per hour*. Prince George's County, Maryland has also adopted its own minimum wage increase, but no increases in Prince George's County go into effect today. On <u>October 1, 2016</u>, however, the minimum wage in Prince George's County will increase from \$9.55 per hour *to* \$10.75 *per hour*. Both Montgomery County and Prince George's County have enacted laws to increase the minimum wage in their respective jurisdictions to \$11.50 per hour by the end of 2017.

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