

27 ~~and implemented by the Secretary of Labor, are incorporated~~
28 ~~herein.~~

29 (4) (a) Each ~~Beginning September 30, 2005, and annually on~~
30 ~~September 30 thereafter,~~ the Department of Economic Opportunity
31 shall calculate an adjusted state minimum wage rate by
32 increasing the state minimum wage by the rate of inflation for
33 the 12 months prior to September 1. In calculating the adjusted
34 state minimum wage, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall
35 use the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical
36 Workers, not seasonally adjusted, for the South Region or a
37 successor index as calculated by the United States Department of
38 Labor. Each adjusted state minimum wage rate shall take effect
39 on the following January 1, ~~with the initial adjusted minimum~~
40 ~~wage rate to take effect on January 1, 2006.~~

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.