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NJ Minimum Wage to Increase to More Than \$14/Hour

"The minimum wage in New Jersey will increase more than previously planned next year, going up to \$14.13 per hour for most workers, the state Labor Department announced this week," reported NJ.com on September 20.

"The current statewide minimum wage was scheduled to rise from \$13 to \$14 on Jan. 1, 2023 under a state law Gov. Phil Murphy signed in 2019 that gradually increases the wage to \$15 an hour by 2024.

"But the law allows for a larger bump if there's a significant increase in the Consumer Price Index, the most widely used measure of inflation in the U.S. An increase in the CPI this year triggered the extra 13 cents per hour, officials said.

"The CPI started to rise in 2021 amid a rapid economic recovery following widespread shutdowns during the pandemic. By June of this year, the annual rate of inflation in the U.S. had risen to a new 40-year high of 9.1%, a bump of nearly eight points in less than 18 months.

"This is the first time the provision has kicked in since Murphy signed the law. The minimum wage increased from \$8.60 to \$10 the first year after the law was signed and has increased by \$1 in each of the last three years.

"The Governor and Legislature had the forethought to account for the possibility of rising costs in their historic minimum wage law, which helps low-wage workers better provide for themselves and their families."

wage workers better provide for themselves and their families," Labor Commissioner Robert Asaro-Angelo said in a statement. 'Every extra dollar in the paychecks of our lowest wage workers is helpful.'

"Once the minimum wage reaches \$15 in the state, it will continue to be adjusted on an annual basis based on the CPI, officials said.

"The state also announced the following changes for other workers:

"The minimum wage for seasonal and small business employees will increase from \$11.90 to \$12.93 per hour. Those businesses were given until 2026 to pay their workers \$15 an hour...

"The cash wage for tipped workers will increase to \$5.26 per hour. The minimum cash wage plus an employee's tips must equal at least the state's minimum wage."

In Memorium: LANJ Past President James (Jim) Moseley

James (Jim) Moseley, president of the Limousine Association of New Jersey in 2014, passed away unexpectedly earlier this month. He was 80.

Moseley was the owner of James Limousine In Cherry Hill and the president of the reservations software company Trip Tracker. He served on the LANJ board of directors for many years as well as on the governance body of the National Limousine Association. He retired from the chauffeured transportation industry in 2016.



"Jim was a true gentleman," reflected current Limousine Association of New Jersey president **Jason Sharenow**, "and a valued member of LANJ and the limousine industry as a whole. His contributions as a board member and then president were invaluable. I always appreciated his opinions and guidance as he maintained a unique perspective on the industry. We are grateful to have had Jim and will hold him and his family in our thoughts and prayers."

Big Change Coming for EWR on 10/3

As reported by News 12 New Jersey online on September 21, "Starting Oct. 3, Newark Liberty International Airport will no longer be considered a New York

City-area airport due to an upcoming change in their city code.

"The reasoning is because of a new standard for 'multi-airport cities.' As a result, EWR will stay, but it will lose its New York City code component.

"This change to the city status is according to the International Air Transport Association.

"According to a Luftansa memo, this could affect costs because Newark will operate under a new pricing structure.

"Whether or not it will be cheaper than JFK or LGA is not known yet.

"However, airlines could charge a penalty fee for switching flights from EWR to JFK or LGA since it's no longer under that city code."

LANJ Represented at 2022 NLA Hill Day



Representing the Limousine Association of New Jersey, longtime LANJ and National Limousine Association member **Mike Barreto**, owner of Metropolis Passenger Logistics in Philadelphia (pictured here on the left) and NLA and LANJ board member **Jay Erlich**, CEO of Europe Limousine in Paramus (pictured here on the right), joined with several dozen other chauffeured transportation operators and suppliers for the 2022 NLA Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C. on September 21.

The NLA Day on the Hill is an annual event where National Limousine Association and regional and state association members from across the country meet with elected representatives in the U.S. Capitol to educate them on the issues and concerns facing the chauffeured transportation industry. As it has for well more than a decade, this year's Hill Day was organized for the NLA by its D.C.-headquartered lobbying firm Cornerstone Government Affairs.

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