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## Federal Minimum Wage Goes To \$7.25/Hour

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**For one worker, the wage hike is his road to independence.**

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Charleston -- Mike Morgan, 50, works for Goodwill Industries of the Kanawha Valley, and is seeing a little more in his paycheck. He's one of thousands of West Virginians to benefit from the Federal Minimum Wage increase.

"I'm going to spend it wisely and cautiously," Morgan said.

Although just a slight increase, Morgan says every little bit helps. After paying bills, he plans to put a good chunk of the money in the bank to achieve his ultimate goal.

"Right now I'm saving up for an automobile. However, we've ran into a couple of snafus there," Morgan said.

The wage increase is costing Goodwill \$120,000 this fiscal year, but they saw the wage hike coming and budgeted for it.

"We've anticipated additional \$120,000 dollars to cover our employees, and that means we'll have to make an additional \$120,000 dollars to just be able to break even from where we would before," said Kathy McKinley, Director of Community Relations for Goodwill Industries of the Kanawha Valley.

McKinley says the company is pleased workers will make more money. For Morgan, extra money in the bank to buy a car means independence.

"I'll be more positive about things and more determined to be able to go out here and do things on my own," Morgan said.

He will see the increase on his next paycheck.

According to the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy more than 12 percent of the state's workforce will benefit from the increase.

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make a living.They have to at least give us credit for trying to be independant.

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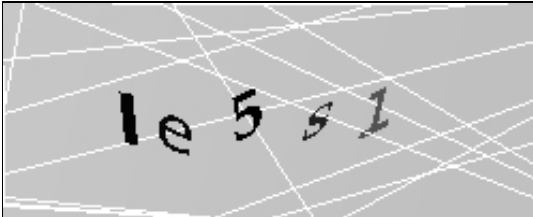
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