

Starts Feb. 1—

Labor Commissioner Announces Wage Hike

Labor Commissioner Thomas J. Moore announced this week that on February 1, 1968 the Alaska Minimum Wage Rate will increase from its present \$1.90 per hour to the new rate of \$2.10 per hour.

Commissioner Moore explained that the increase is the result of the 1966 amendments to the federal law, taking effect on that date.

He suggested that employers not now meeting the new \$2.10 minimum for Alaska adjust their pay rates on or before February 1, 1968. He added that failure to do so could subject the employer to retroactive payments and penalty.

Moore explained, "Our minimum. The new 20-cent increase to the national

minimum granted by Congress is effective February 1, 1968 automatically making the new Alaska minimum wage rate \$2.10 per hour.

Information concerning the Alaska Minimum Wage and Hour Act may be obtained from the Department of Labor, Box 1149, Juneau, Alaska. 99801.