- (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN EMPLOYER SUBJECT TO THIS TITLE SHALL PAY EACH EMPLOYEE COVERED UNDER THIS TITLE AT LEAST \$11.95 PER HOUR:
- (1) AT LEAST \$11.30 PER HOUR, IF STATE CONTRACT SERVICES VALUED AT 50% OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONTRACT ARE PERFORMED IN THE TIER 1 AREA; OR
- (2) AT LEAST \$8.50 PER HOUR, IF STATE CONTRACT SERVICES VALUED AT 50% OR MORE OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONTRACT ARE PERFORMED IN THE TIER 2 AREA.
- (B) (1) NOT LATER THAN 90 DAYS AFTER THE START OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADJUST THE WAGE RATE RATES REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION BY THE ANNUAL AVERAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE, IF ANY, IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS FOR THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA, OR ANY SUCCESSOR INDEX, FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.
- (2) If the Commissioner adjusts the wage $\frac{RATE}{RATES}$ in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Commissioner shall publish the new wage $\frac{RATE}{RATES}$ on the Division of Labor and Industry's website.
- (3) On request by any person, the Commissioner shall give the person a printed copy of the new wage rate rates.
- (C) IF A CONTRACT IS SUBJECT TO PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENTS UNDER TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE, AN EMPLOYER SHALL PAY AN EMPLOYEE THE HIGHER WAGE RATE OF THE WAGE RATES REQUIRED UNDER THIS TITLE OR TITLE 17, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (D) (C) IF AN EMPLOYER COMMITS IN ITS BID OR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE TO AN EMPLOYEE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVE, THE EMPLOYER MAY:
- (1) CERTIFY IN ITS BID OR PROPOSAL THE HOURLY COST OF THE EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF THE PREMIUM FOR THAT INSURANCE FOR EACH EMPLOYEE; AND
- (2) REDUCE THE WAGE PAID UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO ANY EMPLOYEE COVERED BY THE INSURANCE BY ALL OR PART OF