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An Act To Provide for an Increase in the Minimum Wage

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIPMAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and
Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, CAMPBELL of Newfield, FECTION of Biddeford,
MASTRACCIO of Sanford, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, GRATWICK of Penobscot,
LIBBY of Androscoggin, PATRICK of Oxford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 640, §4, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$6.50 per hour. Starting October~~
5 ~~1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the~~
6 ~~minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly~~
7 ~~wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per~~
8 ~~hour. Starting October 1, 2015, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.00 per hour. Starting~~
9 ~~January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting January 1, 2018,~~
10 ~~the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour. Starting January 1, 2019 and each January~~
11 ~~1st thereafter, if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index on September 30th of~~
12 ~~the preceding year from the Consumer Price Index on September 30th of the next~~
13 ~~preceding year, the minimum hourly wage in effect at that time must be increased by the~~
14 ~~same percentage as the Consumer Price Index increase. For purposes of this subsection,~~
15 ~~"Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and~~
16 ~~Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or successor index, as published by~~
17 ~~the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the highest federal~~
18 ~~minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section,~~
19 ~~the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the~~
20 ~~same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum~~
21 ~~wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1~~
22 ~~per hour.~~

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill raises the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour beginning October 1, 2015,
25 \$9.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2017 and \$10.00 per hour beginning January 1,
26 2018, and it requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted for inflation on January 1st
27 of each year, beginning January 1, 2019.