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House of Representatives, February 5, 2019

An Act To Promote Youth Employment

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, KESCHL
of Belgrade, LOCKMAN of Bradley, STETKIS of Canaan, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Youth wage.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, an employer may pay a person
4 who is:

5 A. Sixteen or 17 years of age \$1.00 per hour less than the minimum hourly wage
6 established in subsection 1;

7 B. Fifteen years of age \$2.00 per hour less than the minimum hourly wage
8 established in subsection 1; and

9 C. Fourteen years of age or under \$3.00 per hour less than the minimum hourly wage
10 established in subsection 1.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill establishes a minimum hourly wage for persons who are 16 or 17 years of
13 age that is \$1.00 per hour less than the regular minimum hourly wage, a minimum hourly
14 wage for persons who are 15 years of age that is \$2.00 per hour less than the regular
15 minimum hourly wage and a minimum hourly wage for persons who are 14 years of age
16 and under that is \$3.00 per hour less than the regular minimum hourly wage.