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In Senate, April 4, 2016

An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage Incrementally to \$10 Per Hour in 2020

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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 January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour. Starting~~
9 ~~January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting January 1, 2019,~~
10 ~~the minimum hourly wage is \$9.50 per hour. Starting January 1, 2020, the minimum~~
11 ~~hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour.~~ If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in
12 excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this
13 section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the
14 federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed the minimum
15 wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1 per hour.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill raises the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour in 2017 and by \$0.50 per hour
18 each year after that until it is \$10.00 per hour in 2020.