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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 455, L.D. 674, Bill, “An Act To Support Maine's Working Families”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

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

1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$6.50 per hour. Starting October 1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per hour.~~ Starting January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour. Starting January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.50 per hour. Starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1 per hour.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158

Initiative: Provides funds to update and distribute the new minimum wage poster and other related publications in each of the 4 years that the minimum wage increases.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$0	\$16,500
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$16,500</u>
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment is presented as a competing measure to Initiated Bill 4, Legislative
8 Document 1661 of the 127th Legislature, "An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage." This
9 amendment is the minority report and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft, and
10 makes changes to the minimum wage law, increasing the minimum wage to \$8.50 per
11 hour starting January 1, 2017, \$9.00 per hour starting January 1, 2018, \$9.50 per hour
12 starting January 1, 2019 and \$10.00 per hour starting January 1, 2020. The amendment
13 also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

14 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

15 **(See attached)**