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An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage

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
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, DION of Portland, DRISCOLL of
Westbrook, GILBERT of Jay, HERBIG of Belfast, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, HUNT of
Buxton, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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, 2011, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.75 per hour. Starting
9 October 1, 2012, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.00 per hour. If the highest federal
10 minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section,
11 the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the
12 same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum
13 wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1
14 per hour.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires the minimum wage to increase to \$7.75 per hour starting October 1,
17 2011 and \$8.00 per hour starting October 1, 2012.