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An Act To Provide a Livable Wage for Maine Families

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 CAREY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: GERZOFKY of Cumberland, HOBBS of York, JACKSON of Aroostook.

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. On October 1st of each year, if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index on
9 June 30th of that year from the Consumer Price Index on June 30th of the preceding year,
10 then the minimum hourly wage in effect at that time must be increased by the same
11 percentage as the Consumer Price Index increase. For purposes of this subsection,
12 “Consumer Price Index” has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 5402, subsection 1.
13 If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in
14 effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same
15 amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, ~~but in~~
16 ~~no case may the minimum wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this~~
17 ~~section by more than \$1 per hour.~~

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted for inflation on October
20 1st of each year.