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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES   (Filing No. H-89)
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to H.P. 26, L.D. 43, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage to $4 Per Hour."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1.   26 MRSA §664, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 352, is further amended to read:

By reason of the declaration of policy set forth in section 661 and in the protection of the industry or business and in the enhancement of public interest, health, safety and welfare, it is declared unlawful for any employer to employ any employee, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the rate of less than $2.30 $3.10 per hour; or to require any employee to work more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1 1/2 times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done over 40 hours in any one week; and whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of $2.30 $3.10 per hour, the minimum wage established under this section shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed $3 $4 per hour.

Sec. 2.   Effective date.   The Act shall take effect on October 1, 1979.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Set the state minimum wage at $3.10 per hour;
                that the
2. Set the maximum/state minimum wage can increase to

$4 per hour; and

3. Establish an effective date of October 1, 1979.