

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 567


H.P. 417

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study  
Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to the Livable Wage in  
Business Assistance Subsidies.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth.  
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and  
Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMAIRE of Lewiston,  
SAMSON of Jay, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator: RAND of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4       Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13058, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

6       19. Livable wage standards. The commissioner shall ensure  
8       that all programs and functions of the department that provide  
10       business assistance subsidies under this chapter are directed to  
12       businesses that pay direct compensation to the employees of the  
14       businesses of at least \$11.54 per hour. For the purposes of this  
16       subsection owners of businesses are considered to be employees  
18       and their earnings must be calculated from their annual income  
20       derived from their businesses.

SUMMARY

16       This bill requires all business assistance subsidies  
18       provided by the Department of Economic and Community Development  
20       to be directed to employers that pay at least \$11.54 per hour in  
direct compensation.