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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 462, L.D. 633, Bill, "An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Minimum Wage Earners"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 26 to 42 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305, §1, is amended to read:

1. Minimum wage. The Except as provided in subsection 1-A, the minimum hourly wage is \$4.25 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of \$4.25 per hour, the minimum wage must be 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 \$5.15 per hour.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Minimum wage; employers with more than 10 employees on premises. This subsection applies only to employees employed by employers with more than 10 employees on the premises. The minimum hourly wage is \$5.15 per hour. Beginning January 1, 1999, the minimum wage is \$5.40 per hour. Every 3rd January 1st thereafter, the minimum wage must be increased by the cumulative percent increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index over the 3 previous Septembers. Any increase must be rounded to the nearest 5¢. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage established by this subsection, the minimum wage must be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage. In that case, the next minimum wage increase based on the Consumer Price Index

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may not occur until 3 years after the January 1st following the
date the minimum wage was increased to match the federal minimum
wage.'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment limits the application of the bill, as
amended by Committee Amendment "A", to businesses with more than
10 employees on the premises.

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