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L.D. 1661

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to I.B. 4, L.D. 1661, Bill, "An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 640, §4, is further amended to read:

1. **Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is \$6.50 per hour. ~~Starting October 1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per hour. Starting January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour; starting January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.50 per hour; and starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour.~~ If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is 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 the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1 per hour.'

SUMMARY

This amendment amends the bill as follows:

1. It raises the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour in 2017, instead of the \$9.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
2. It raises the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour in 2018, instead of the \$10.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
3. It raises the minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour in 2019, instead of the \$11.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
4. It raises the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour in 2020, instead of the \$12.00 per hour proposed in the bill;

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1 5. It strikes language in the bill requiring that, beginning in 2021, the minimum
2 hourly wage must be increased by the increase in the cost of living;

3 6. It restores language that limits the increase in the State's minimum wage in
4 response to an increase in the federal minimum wage to no more than \$1 more per hour;
5 and

6 7. It strikes language proposed in the bill to increase the minimum wage paid to
7 workers who receive tips.

8 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

9 (See attached)

10 SPONSORED BY: Stacey Guerin

11 (Representative GUERIN)

12 TOWN: Glenburn

HOUSE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1661

LR 2771(02)

An Act To Raise the Minimum Wage

Fiscal Note for House Amendment *A* to Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Guerin of Glenburn

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the increase in the required minimum wage proposed in the initiated bill from \$9.00 per hour to \$8.50 per hour effective January 1, 2017; from \$10.00 per hour to \$9.00 per hour effective January 1, 2018; from \$11.50 per hour to \$9.50 per hour effective January 1, 2019 and from \$12.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020. This amendment also removes the inflation adjustment requirement in subsequent years and eliminates the change in the tip credit.

The 4-step increase in the minimum wage proposed in this amendment may not increase salary costs to the State until the \$10.00 per hour rate begins on January 1, 2020. The future State Government impact of the changes to the minimum wage will depend on the salary schedules in place at the time the increases occur and cannot be estimated at this time.

The Bureau of Labor Standards within the Maine Department of Labor will still require General Fund appropriations of \$16,500 per year for each of the 4 years that the minimum wage is increased. Of this annual amount, \$3,500 per year would be for updating the minimum wage poster and other related publications, \$5,000 would be for postage costs to distribute the updated poster and publications and \$8,000 would be for travel costs associated with compliance, education and outreach.