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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing Minimum Wages.

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

R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. The first 2 sentences of section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as last repealed and replaced by chapter 356 of the public laws of 1969, are amended to read as follows:

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 \$1.60 \$2 per hour starting October 15, 1969 1971; nor work more than 48 hours in any one week, unless 11/2 times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done over 48 hours in any one week. Except that on October 15, 1969 1971 to October 15, 1970 1972, those employees in a nursing home or employees in a hospital shall be paid at a rate of no less than $\frac{1}{50}$ \$1.60 per hour and thereafter \$1.60 \$2 per hour.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to raise the minimum wages of employees from \$1.60 to \$2, and those employed in nursing homes or hospitals from \$1.50 to \$1.60 per hour and thereafter from \$1.60 to \$2 per hour.