

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1825

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H. P. 1368

House of Representatives, April 3, 1973

Referred to Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Connolly of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Increasing the Minimum Wage.

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

**R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended.** The first 2 sentences of the first paragraph of section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 88 of chapter 622 of the public laws of 1971 and as amended by chapter 415 of the public laws of 1971 is further amended to read as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 ~~\$1.80~~ \$3 per hour; nor work more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1½ 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 \$1.80 per hour, the minimum wage established under this section shall be increased to the same amount, effective either on the same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage or September 23, 1971, whichever occurs later, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed \$2 per hour.~~

Except that on October 15, ~~1971~~ 1973 to October 15, ~~1972~~ 1974, those employees in a nursing home or employees in a hospital shall be paid at a rate of no less than ~~\$1.60~~ \$2 per hour and thereafter ~~\$1.80~~ \$2.75 per hour.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase minimum wage to \$3 per hour to provide decent living wage for all Maine citizens.