

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1308

H. P. 1084

House of Representatives, March 28, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Maxwell of Jay.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$2.75 an Hour.

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

26 MRSA § 664, 1st ¶, as amended by PL 1975, c. 352, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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 an employee, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at a rate less than \$2.30 per hour for 13 continuous weeks, or 65 days in one year, whereupon at the completion of 13 weeks or 65 days of employment the wage shall then be \$2.75 per hour, or to require any employee to 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 \$2.75 per hour, the wage established under this section shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed \$3 per hour.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the minimum wage in 2 steps.