

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 305

S. P. 127

In Senate, February 2, 1979

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

Presented by Mr. Sutton of Oxford.

Cosponsors: Mr. Pierce of Kennebec, Mr. Chapman of Sagadahoc and Mr. Teague of Kennebec.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Raise the Ceiling on the Minimum Wage to \$4.

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

26 MRSA § 664, first sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 352, is further amended to read:

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 \$2.30 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 \$2.30 per hour, the minimum 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 ~~§§~~ \$4 per hour.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases from \$3 to \$4 the ceiling to which the state minimum wage may rise in response to increases in the federal minimum wage.