

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1338

7 H.P. 1013

House of Representatives, March 25, 1983

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

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McHenry of Madawaska.

Cosponsor: Senator Violette of Aroostook.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 26 MRSA §664, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c.  
22 516, §3, is further amended to read:

23 By reason of the declaration of policy set forth  
24 in section 661 and in the protection of the industry  
25 or business and in the enhancement of public inter-  
26 est, health, safety and welfare, it is declared  
27 unlawful for any employer to employ any employee,  
28 except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at  
29 the rate of less than ~~\$2.90~~ \$3.45 per hour starting  
30 January 1, 1984; ~~or~~ and on January 1st of each year  
31 thereafter, the minimum wage shall be increased by  
32 the same percentage as the increase in the state  
33 average weekly wage, as calculated by the Employment  
34 Security Commission as of the preceding July, over

1 the state average weekly wage of the next previous  
2 year, rounded off to the nearest \$.05. It is unlaw-  
3 ful for any employer to require any employee to work  
4 more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1 1/2 times  
5 the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done  
6 over 40 hours in any one week, and whenever the high-  
7 est federal minimum wage is increased in excess of  
8 \$2.90 per hour, the minimum wage established under  
9 this section shall be increased to the same amount,  
10 effective on the same date as the increase in the  
11 highest federal minimum wage, but in no case shall  
12 the minimum wage exceed \$4 per hour. The overtime  
13 provision of this section shall not apply to seamen,  
14 the canning, processing, preserving, freezing of  
15 drying, marketing, storing, packing for shipment or  
16 distribution of herring as sardines, of perishable  
17 foods, of agricultural produce and meat and fish  
18 products, nor to the canning of perishable goods, nor  
19 to hotels, motels, restaurants and other eating  
20 establishments, nor to public employees.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The purpose of this bill is to provide for an  
23 increase in the minimum wage. In the first year the  
24 minimum wage would be increased by 10¢. In each  
25 subsequent year the minimum wage would be increased  
26 by the same percentage as the increase in the state  
27 average weekly wage, as determined by the Employment  
28 Security Commission.

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