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1 (After Deadline)

2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2236

7
8 S.P. 835

In Senate, March 13, 1984

9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

12 Cosponsors: Representative Connolly of Portland, Representative
Kelleher of Bangor and Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
17

18 AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage
19 to \$3.55.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 26 MRSA §664, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c.
24 516, §3, is further amended to read:

25 By reason of the declaration of policy set forth
26 in section 661 and in the protection of the industry
27 or business and in the enhancement of public inter-
28 est, health, safety and welfare, it is declared un-
29 lawful for any employer to employ any employee, ex-
30 cept as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the
31 rate of less than ~~\$2.90~~ \$3.55 per hour; or to require
32 any employee to work more than 40 hours in one week,
33 unless 1 1/2 times the regular hourly rate is paid
34 for all work done over 40 hours in any one week; and
35 whenever the highest federal minimum wage is in-

1 creased in excess of ~~\$2.90~~ \$3.55 per hour, the mini-
2 mum wage established under this section shall be in-
3 creased to the same amount, effective on the same
4 date as the increase in the highest federal minimum
5 wage, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed \$4
6 per hour. The overtime provision of this section
7 shall not apply to seamen, the canning, processing,
8 preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing,
9 packing for shipment or distribution of herring as
10 sardines, of perishable foods, of agricultural
11 produce and meat and fish products, nor to the can-
12 ning of perishable goods, nor to hotels, motels, res-
13 taurants and other eating establishments, nor to pub-
14 lic employees.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to increase the eco-
17 nomic standard for Maine's working poor, by adjusting
18 the state's minimum wage from the current level of
19 \$3.35 per hour to \$3.55 per hour.

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