

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1170

H.P. 869 House of Representatives, April 9, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CONNOLLY of Portland.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake, President PRAY of Penobscot and Senator DUTREMBLE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage.

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

5 26 MRSA §664, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c.
6 76, §2, is further amended to read:

7 By reason of the declaration of policy set forth
8 in section 661 and in the protection of the industry
9 or business and in the enhancement of public inter-
10 est, health, safety and welfare, it is declared un-
11 lawful for any employer to employ any employee, ex-
12 cept as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the
13 rate of less than \$3.45 per hour starting on January
14 1, 1985; ~~and~~; \$3.55 per hour starting on January 1,
15 1986; ~~and~~; \$3.65 per hour starting on January 1,
16 1987; \$3.75 per hour starting January 1, 1988; \$3.85

1 per hour starting January 1, 1989; and \$3.95 per hour
2 starting January 1, 1990; or to require any employee
3 to work more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1 1/2
4 times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work
5 done over 40 hours in any one week; and whenever the
6 highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess
7 of ~~\$3.55~~ \$3.95 per hour, the minimum wage established
8 under this section shall be increased to the same
9 amount, effective on the same date as the increase in
10 the highest federal minimum wage, but in no case
11 shall the minimum wage exceed \$4 ~~\$5~~ per hour. The
12 overtime provision of this section shall not apply to
13 seamen, the canning, processing, preserving, freez-
14 ing, drying, marketing, storing, packing for shipment
15 or distribution of herring as sardines, of perishable
16 foods, of agricultural produce and meat and fish
17 products, nor to the canning of perishable goods, nor
18 to hotels, motels, restaurants and other eating es-
19 tablishments, public employees, nor to automobile me-
20 chanics or automobile salesmen.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The current minimum wage is \$3.65 an hour. This
23 bill increases the minimum wage to \$3.95 an hour ac-
24 complished in a staggered 3-year period.

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