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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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Referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed pursuant  
to Joint Rule 14.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk.

Presented by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

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

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1                   **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,  
6       c. 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 interest,

1 health, safety and welfare, it is declared unlawful  
2 for any employer to employ any employee, except as  
3 otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the rate of  
4 less than \$3.45 per hour starting on January 1,  
5 1985, and \$3.55 per hour starting on January 1,  
6 1986, and \$3.65 per hour starting on January 1,  
7 1987, \$3.85 per hour starting January 1, 1989 and  
8 \$4.05 per hour starting January 1, 1990; or to require  
9 any employee to work more than 40 hours in one week,  
10 unless 1 1/2 times the regular hourly rate is paid for  
11 all work done over 40 hours in any one week; and  
12 whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased  
13 in excess of ~~\$3.55~~ \$4.05 per hour, the minimum wage  
14 established under this section shall be increased to  
15 the same amount, effective on the same date as the  
16 increase in the highest federal minimum wage, but in  
17 no case shall the minimum wage exceed ~~\$4~~ \$5 per  
18 hour. The overtime provision of this section shall  
19 not apply to seamen, the canning, processing,  
20 preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing,  
21 packing for shipment or distribution of herring as  
22 sardines, of perishable foods, of agricultural produce  
23 and meat and fish products, nor to the canning of  
24 perishable goods, nor to hotels, motels, restaurants  
25 and other eating establishments, public employees, nor  
26 to automobile mechanics or automobile salesmen.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The current minimum wage is \$3.65 an hour. This  
29 bill increases the minimum wage by 20¢ to \$3.85  
30 effective January 1, 1989, and by 20¢ to \$4.05  
31 effective January 1, 1990.

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