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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 108, L.D. 143, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in Maine"

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Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~S664.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of the 2nd sentence (lines 37 to 41 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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'Effective January 1, 1996, the minimum wage is \$4.55 per hour.
Effective January 1, 1997, the minimum wage is \$4.85 per hour.
Effective January 1, 1998, the minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour.
If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage established under this section, the minimum wage must be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed \$5.15 per hour.'

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Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1995-96
LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF	
Bureau of Labor Standards	
All Other	\$11,259

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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2 Provides funds to cover the
costs of revising the minimum
4 wage poster.'

6 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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1995-96

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$11,259

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This amendment amends the state minimum wage and places
additional responsibilities on the Department of Labor, Bureau of
20 Labor Standards in the area of required distribution of posters:
A General Fund appropriation of \$11,259 in fiscal year 1995-96 is
22 required for publishing costs and other operating expenses
related to revising the minimum wage poster.

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The increases in the minimum wage may result in increased
costs to municipalities if there are school and other public
employees who are compensated at less than the higher minimum
28 wage levels. Increased school expenses may increase funding
requests for the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment provides that the state minimum wage will
increase to \$4.55 per hour in 1996, \$4.85 per hour in 1997 and
36 \$5.15 per hour in 1998 or to the level of the federal minimum
wage, if that is higher, up to a maximum of \$5.15 per hour.

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This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a
fiscal note to the amendment.

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