

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 497

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

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### **An Act to Increase Maine's Minimum Wage.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and  
Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, GAGNE of Buckfield, HATCH of Skowhegan,  
LEMAIRE of Lewiston, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Portland,  
Senator: CATHCART of Penobscot.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305,  
§1, is amended to read:

6 **1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is \$4.25 per  
hour. Effective January 1, 1998, the minimum hourly wage is  
8 \$5.60 per hour and effective January 1, 1999, the minimum hourly  
10 wage is \$6.05 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is  
increased in excess of ~~\$4.25 per hour~~ the minimum hourly wage  
12 established in this subsection, the minimum wage must be  
increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the  
14 increase in the federal minimum wage, ~~but in no case may the~~  
~~minimum wage exceed \$5.15 per hour.~~

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill raises the minimum wage to \$5.60 per hour  
20 effective January 1, 1998 and to \$6.05 per hour effective January  
1, 1999.