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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 253, L.D. 357, Bill, "An Act Raising the Minimum Wage"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

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

1. **Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$4.25~~ \$5.15 per hour. Beginning January 1, 2001, the minimum wage is \$5.75 per hour. Beginning January 1, 2002, the minimum wage is \$6.25 per hour. Every 3rd January 1st thereafter, the minimum wage must be increased by the cumulative percent increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index over the 3 previous Septembers. Any increase must be rounded to the nearest 5¢. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of \$4.25-per-hour the minimum wage established by this subsection, 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. In that case, the next minimum wage increase based on the Consumer Price Index may not occur until 3 years after the January 1st following the date the minimum wage was increased to match the federal minimum wage.'

Further amend the bill 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.

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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Regulation and Enforcement

All Other \$12,134

Provides funds for the costs associated with revising the Minimum Wage Poster.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of the question (page 1, lines 30 to 32 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

' "Do you favor raising the minimum wage to \$5.75 per hour in 2001 and \$6.25 per hour in 2002 and adjusting it every 3 years thereafter by any increase in the Consumer Price Index?" '

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$12,134

The estimated cost of sending this question out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$8,000.

If the minimum wage increases are approved by the voters, the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards will be

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2 required to revise the Minimum Wage poster. This bill includes a
3 General Fund appropriation of \$12,134 in fiscal year 2000-01 for
4 the Department of Labor for printing and mailing costs. If other
5 bills are enacted that also require changes to the poster, the
6 cost properly allocated to this bill can be reduced.'

8 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment provides for an increase in the minimum wage
11 to \$5.75 per hour beginning January 1, 2001 and to \$6.25 per hour
12 beginning January 1, 2002. It also amends the referendum
13 question to reflect these changes and adds an appropriation
14 section and fiscal note to the bill.

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