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In Senate, February 16, 1999

An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in Maine.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox. Cosponsored by Speaker ROWE of Portland and Senators: DOUGLASS of Androscoggin, LaFOUNTAIN of York, President LAWRENCE of York, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TOWNSEND of Portland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 305,
4	§1, is amended to read
6	1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is \$4.25 per
	hour. If-the-highest-federal-minimum-wage-is-increased-in-excess
8	of-\$4.25-per-hour-the-minimum-wage-must-be-increased-to-the-same amount-effective-on-the-same-date-as-the-increase-in-the-federal
10	minimum-wage,but-in-no-case-may-the-minimum-wage-exceed-\$5.15
	per-heur. Starting January 1, 2000, the minimum hourly wage is
12	\$5.65 per hour. Starting January 1, 2001, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.15 per hour.
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16	SUMMARY
18	This bill raises the minimum wage to \$5.65 per hour starting January 1, 2000 and to \$6.15 per hour starting January 1, 2001.