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L.D. 1891

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LABOR

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 669, L.D. 1891, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary 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~~ \$5.65 per hour. Beginning November 1, 2000, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.15 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased ~~in excess of \$4.25 per hour to an amount that exceeds the minimum hourly wage in effect in the State at that time,~~ 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.~~

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

1999-00

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

**Administration - Bureau of
Labor Standards**

All Other \$12,134

Provides funds for the costs associated with revising the Minimum Wage poster.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect November 1, 1999.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

1999-00

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$12,134

This bill will require the revision of the Minimum Wage poster by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards. A General Fund appropriation of \$12,134 in fiscal year 1999-00 is provided for printing and mailing costs. If other bills are enacted that also require changes to the poster, the cost properly allocated to this bill can be reduced.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It increases the minimum wage to \$5.65 on November 1, 1999 and \$6.15 on November 1, 2000. If the federal minimum wage is higher than the level set by the State at any time, the federal minimum wage becomes the State's minimum wage as well.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.