

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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Legislative Document

No. 1247

H.P. 933

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

**An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage in Maine.**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MATTHEWS of Winslow.  
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, ESTES of  
Kittery, HUTTON of Bowdoinham, PINEAU of Jay, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro.

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

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

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**1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$4.25~~ \$5.15 per hour. ~~If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess 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 minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed \$5.15 per hour.~~ Starting October 1, 2001, the minimum hourly wage is \$5.65 per hour. Starting October 1, 2002, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.25 per hour.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill provides for an increase in the state minimum wage to \$5.65 per hour beginning October 1, 2001 and to \$6.25 per hour beginning October 1, 2002.