

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 673

S.P. 237

In Senate, February 14, 2003

### 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 "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HATCH of Somerset.  
Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and  
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, HATCH of Skowhegan, NORTON of Bangor,  
PINEAU of Jay.

**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 amended by PL 2001, c. 297,  
4 §1, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is \$5.15 per  
hour. Starting January 1, 2002, the minimum hourly wage is \$5.75  
8 per hour. Starting January 1, 2003, the minimum hourly wage is  
\$6.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2003, the minimum hourly  
10 wage is \$6.65 per hour. Starting October 1, 2004, the minimum  
12 hourly wage is \$7 per hour. If the highest federal minimum wage  
is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this  
14 section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the  
same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the  
16 federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed  
the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more  
than ~~\$1.00~~ \$1 per hour.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill increases the minimum wage from the current \$6.25  
per hour to \$6.65 per hour beginning October 1, 2003 and to \$7  
24 per hour beginning October 1, 2004.

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