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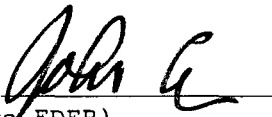
STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 174, L.D. 235, Bill, "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage"

Amend the amendment in subsection 1 in the 7th and 8th lines (page 1, lines 32 and 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour." and inserting in its place the following: 'and every October 1st thereafter, the Commissioner of Labor shall adjust the minimum hourly wage by any percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from January 1st to December 31st of the previous year. For purposes of this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" means the average over a 12-month period of the National Consumer Price Index, not seasonally adjusted, published monthly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor designated as the "National Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers-United States City Average."

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provisions that provide increases in the minimum hourly wage to \$6.75 and \$7.00 per hour and instead provides that starting October 1, 2006, and every October 1st thereafter, the Commissioner of Labor shall adjust the minimum hourly wage by any percentage change in the Consumer Price Index in the previous year.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative EDER)

TOWN: Portland

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/04/06 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 235

LR 0714(21)

An Act to Increase the Minimum Wage

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "F" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Eder

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Undetermined future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring that the minimum hourly wage be adjusted on October 1, 2006 and every October 1 thereafter, by the percent change in the Consumer Price Index will result in a future cost to the State as an employer. The amount and timing of the impact can not be determined and will depend on when the increase in the minimum wage results in it surpassing the lowest hourly wage rate paid to state employees.

Additional costs to the Department of Labor associated with adjusting the minimum hourly wage can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.