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

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Student wage. Starting October 1, 2006, notwithstanding subsection 1, the minimum hourly wage for a person who has not attained 18 years of age and who is regularly enrolled in an educational institution or is on vacation from an educational institution is \$6.50 per hour. An employer may pay an employee the reduced minimum hourly wage provided in this subsection for no longer than 60 days. This 60-day limit applies even if there is a break in the employer-employee relationship. An employer may not displace an employee who is paid more in order to pay another employee the reduced minimum hourly wage provided in this subsection. This subsection applies only to an employer with 25 or fewer employees.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Application. That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 664, subsection 1-A applies only to an employee hired on or after October 1, 2006.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment provides that starting October 1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage for a person who has not attained 18 years of age and who is regularly enrolled in an educational institution or is on vacation from an educational institution is \$6.50 per hour. An employer may pay an employee this reduced minimum hourly wage for no longer than 60 days. This reduced minimum hourly wage applies only to an employer with 25 or fewer employees.

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