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L.D. 1697

Date: 4-9-08

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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**SENATE**  
**123RD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 604,  
L.D. 1697, Bill, "An Act To Ensure Fair Wages"

Amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph after the title (page 1, line 11  
in amendment) by striking out the following: "section 2 and inserting the following:" and  
inserting the following: 'sections 2 and 3.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph after the title  
(page 1, lines 12 and 13 in amendment)

Amend the amendment in the 5th indented paragraph after the title (page 1, line 32 in  
amendment) by striking out the following: "section 5." and inserting the following:  
'sections 5 to 7.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 10 (page 2, lines 1 to 16 in  
amendment)

**SUMMARY**

This amendment retains exemptions to the minimum wage and overtime laws that are  
in current law but are removed by the bill and Committee Amendment "A".

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator DOW)

COUNTY: Lincoln

**SENATE AMENDMENT**



# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1697

LR 226(06)

## An Act To Ensure Fair Wages

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Dow of Lincoln

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$54,837)	(\$60,287)	(\$63,141)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$54,837)	(\$60,287)	(\$63,141)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the General Fund cost of the bill of \$54,837 in fiscal year 2008-09. It restores the exemptions to the minimum wage and overtime laws and eliminates the need for one Labor and Safety Inspector position in the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor.

As amended, this bill increases the minimum wage to \$7.35 per hour in 2008, \$7.70 per hour in 2009 and \$8.00 per hour in 2010 and provides for an annual adjustment to the minimum wage based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

As amended, this bill also increases the amount of fines and penalties that may be assessed on employers who violate the minimum wage and overtime laws and provides that 90% is to be paid to the State and 10% to the affected employee. The increase in General Fund revenue is estimated to be \$97,800 annually, beginning in fiscal year 2008-09.