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An Act To Amend the Requirements for the Livable Wage Report

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
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 JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and
Representative: GILBERT of Jay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1405, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 363, §2, is amended to
3 read:

4 **1. Calculation.** By ~~December 31, 2007~~ July 31, 2009 and ~~annually~~ biennially
5 thereafter, the department shall calculate livable wages for households in the State's counties
6 and metropolitan statistical areas by family size and as statewide averages by developing an
7 annual basic needs budget for the following family sizes:

8 A. Single person;

9 B. Single parent and one child;

10 C. Single parent and 2 children;

11 D. Two parents, with one earner and 2 children; and

12 E. Two parents, with 2 earners and 2 children.

13 By ~~January 30, 2008~~ December 31, 2009 and ~~annually~~ biennially thereafter, the
14 department shall report the livable wages calculated pursuant to this subsection to the
15 Legislature.

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SUMMARY

17 This bill changes the timing of the calculation and reporting of the livable wage from
18 annual to biennial. The change is being made because some of the data needed for the
19 calculation is not available in time for an annual calculation. The bill also changes the yearly
20 schedule so that the Department of Labor has 5 months to report the information instead of
21 only one month.