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An Act To Provide a Livable Wage for Maine Families

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and Representatives: CAIN of Orono, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, HERBIG of Belfast, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, HOBBINS of York, JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 640, §4, is further
amended to read:

4 1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is \$6.50 per hour. Starting October 1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the 5 minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly 6 wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per 7 hour. On October 1st of each year, if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index on 8 June 30th of that year from the Consumer Price Index on June 30th of the preceding year, 9 then the minimum hourly wage in effect at that time must be increased by the same 10 percentage as the Consumer Price Index increase. For purposes of this subsection, 11 "Consumer Price Index" has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 5402, subsection 1. 12 If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in 13 effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same 14 amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in 15 no case may the minimum wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this 16 17 section by more than \$1 per hour.

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SUMMARY

19 This bill requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted for inflation on October 20 1st of each year.