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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
125TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1311, L.D. 1786, Bill, "An Act To Repeal the Requirement That the Department of Labor Calculate the Livable Wage"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Requirement That the Department of Labor Calculate the Livable Wage'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 363, §1, is amended to read:

§1-A. Livable wage defined

As used in this Title, unless the context otherwise indicates, "livable wage" means the statewide average livable wage for a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children as reported by the Department of Labor in the most recent annual biennial report required pursuant to section 1405 1406.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1405, as amended by PL 2009, c. 11, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1406 is enacted to read:

§1406. Calculation of livable wage

By July 1, 2013 and biennially thereafter, the department shall calculate the livable wage and develop a basic needs budget for households in this State based on, at a minimum, a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children representative family size, but only if funding has been appropriated for these purposes.

By December 1, 2013 and biennially thereafter, the department shall report the livable wages calculated and the basic needs budget for households developed pursuant to this section to the Legislature if funds have been appropriated for these purposes.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment, as the bill does, repeals the current law that requires the Department of Labor to calculate the livable wage, develop a basic needs budget based on a number of different sizes of families and report its findings to the Legislature.

This amendment requires the department to calculate the livable wage and develop a basic needs budget based on, at a minimum, a representative family size of a 2-parent household with 2 earners and 2 children and report the results to the Legislature, but only if funds are appropriated.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1786

LR 2551(02)

**An Act To Repeal the Requirement That the Department of Labor Calculate the Livable Wage**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-810)  
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor savings - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Reducing the scope of the requirement for which the Department of Labor must calculate the livable wage for will result in minor savings to the department.