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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 430, L.D. 611, Bill, "An Act To Adjust
10 Maine's Minimum Wage Annually Based on Cost-of-living Changes"

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

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

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1. **Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$6.50 per hour. Starting October~~
16 ~~1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the~~
17 ~~minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly~~
18 ~~wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per~~
19 ~~hour. Starting July 1, 2014, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.00 per hour. Starting July 1,~~
20 ~~2015, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour. Starting July 1, 2016, the minimum~~
21 ~~hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting July 1, 2017 and each July 1st thereafter, if there~~
22 ~~is an increase in the Consumer Price Index as of March 30th of that year from the~~
23 ~~Consumer Price Index as of March 30th of the preceding year, the minimum hourly wage~~
24 ~~in effect at that time must be increased by the same percentage as the Consumer Price~~
25 ~~Index increase. For purposes of this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" means the~~
26 ~~Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the~~
27 ~~Northeast Region, or successor index, as published by the United States Department of~~
28 ~~Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in~~
29 ~~excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this~~
30 ~~section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the~~
31 ~~federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum wage exceed the minimum~~
32 ~~wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1 per hour.'~~

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SUMMARY

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This amendment raises the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2014,

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\$8.50 per hour beginning July 1, 2015 and \$9.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2016.

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Beginning July 1, 2017, the minimum wage will be automatically adjusted for inflation

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on July 1st of each year.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 611

LR 60(02)

An Act To Adjust Maine's Minimum Wage Annually Based on Cost-of-living Changes

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-16)
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase - All Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may increase costs to the State in the future if the cost of living adjustment increases the minimum wage to an amount higher than the established hourly rate for a state employee at that time. The impact of this potential future cost cannot be predicted at this time.

The Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor will incur additional costs in future biennia to implement and enforce the provisions of this legislation that require the minimum wage to be automatically adjusted for inflation on July 1st of every year beginning in July of 2017.