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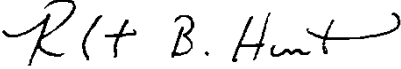
No. 36

H.P. 34

House of Representatives, January 13, 2015

An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of
Portland, MARTIN of Sinclair, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senators:
GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

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

4 **1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$6.50 per hour. Starting October~~
5 ~~1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the~~
6 ~~minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly~~
7 ~~wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per~~
8 ~~hour. Starting October 1, 2015, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting~~
9 ~~October 1, 2016, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2017~~
10 ~~and each October 1st thereafter, if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index as of~~
11 ~~June 30th of that year from the Consumer Price Index as of June 30th of the preceding~~
12 ~~year, the minimum hourly wage in effect at that time must be increased by the same~~
13 ~~percentage as the Consumer Price Index increase. For purposes of this subsection,~~
14 ~~"Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and~~
15 ~~Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or successor index, as published by~~
16 ~~the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the highest federal~~
17 ~~minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section,~~
18 ~~the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the~~
19 ~~same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, but in no case may the minimum~~
20 ~~wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1~~
21 ~~per hour.~~

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill raises the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour beginning October 1, 2015 and
24 to \$10.00 per hour beginning October 1, 2016 and provides that, beginning October 1,
25 2017, the minimum wage must be adjusted for inflation on October 1st of each year.