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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1210, L.D. 1757, Bill, "An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Training and Youth Wage"

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

'An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Youth Wage'

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

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as amended by IB 2015, c. 2, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$7.50 per hour; starting January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is \$11.00 per hour; and starting~~ Starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$12.00 ~~\$10.50 per hour; starting January 1, 2021, the minimum hourly wage is \$11.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2022, the minimum hourly wage is \$11.50 per hour; and starting January 1, 2023, the minimum hourly wage is \$12.00 per hour.~~ On January 1, ~~2024~~ 2024 and each January 1st thereafter, the minimum hourly wage then in effect must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living must be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, and must be increased in accordance with this section thereafter.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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An Act To Protect Maine's Economy by Slowing the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Will Increase and Establishing a Training and Youth Wage

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-6666)
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development**

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium savings - All funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Current law requires the \$10.00 per hour minimum wage to increase to \$11.00 per hour on January 1, 2019, to \$12.00 per hour on January 1, 2020 and by the CPI annually beginning on January 1, 2021. This bill freezes the minimum wage at \$10.00 per hour until January 1, 2020, when it would increase by \$.50 annually until it reaches \$12.00 per hour on January 1, 2023. Beginning on January 1, 2024 it would increase annually by the CPI. This slowing of minimum wage increases may result in savings to the State and municipalities beginning in fiscal year 2018-19, depending on the wages that would be paid without these proposed changes.

Additional costs to the Bureau of Labor Standards within the Department of Labor to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.