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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 749, L.D. 1913, Bill, "An Act To Slow the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Increases and To Eliminate Cost-of-living Increases to the Minimum Wage"

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

'An Act To Slow the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Increases'

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 4 to 21 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'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~~ Starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is ~~\$11.00~~ \$10.50 per hour; ~~and starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$12.00~~ \$11.00 per hour; ~~starting January 1, 2021, the minimum hourly wage is \$11.50 per hour; and starting January 1, 2022, the minimum hourly wage is \$12.00 per hour.~~ On January 1, ~~2021~~ 2023 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.'

SUMMARY

This amendment starts the State's minimum wage of \$10.50 per hour on January 1, 2019, instead of on January 1, 2020 as proposed by the bill. In addition, this amendment increases the minimum wage 50¢ per hour each year until it reaches \$12.00 per hour on January 1, 2022, instead of on January 1, 2023 as proposed by the bill. Finally, this

1 amendment restores the requirement that was eliminated in the bill that the minimum
2 wage increase each year by the percentage increase in the cost of living.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 (See attached)

5 SPONSORED BY: Amy Volk
6 (Senator VOLK)

7 COUNTY: Cumberland



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LD 1913

LR 3056(03)

An Act To Slow the Rate at Which the State's Minimum Wage Increases and To Eliminate Cost-of-living Increases to the Minimum Wage

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Volk of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduction of potential savings to State Government and municipalities

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any savings to either State Government or local municipalities may be reduced by this amendment. As with the original bill, actual savings will depend on the existing rates of pay for employees when the reduced increases take effect.