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House of Representatives, February 1, 2021

**An Act To Recruit and Retain Department of Corrections Facilities
Support Staff**

Received by the Clerk of the House on January 28, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PLUECKER of Warren.
Cosponsored by Representatives: EVANGELOS of Friendship, LOOKNER of Portland,
MORALES of South Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Waterville, Senator:
MAXMIN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Wage increase for support workers in Department of Corrections.**
3 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, beginning October 1, 2021, staff in support,
4 maintenance and other non-supervisory positions, but not including guards, in correctional
5 facilities maintained by the Department of Corrections must be given a \$2 per hour increase
6 in their wages in effect on September 30, 2021.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill requires staff in support, maintenance and other non-supervisory positions, but
9 not including guards, in correctional facilities maintained by the Department of Corrections
10 to be given a \$2 per hour increase in their wages. In 2016, guards in the department were
11 given a \$2 per hour wage increase but other employees in the correctional facilities were
12 not.