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S.P. 55

In Senate, January 9, 2023

**An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers
Including All Support Staff**

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives:
O'CONNELL of Brewer, ROEDER of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

3 **1-A. Minimum wage for health care workers.** Notwithstanding subsection 1,
4 beginning January 1, 2024, the minimum wage for individuals employed by or who work
5 in a health care facility, including, but not limited to, health care practitioners, housekeepers
6 and support, laundry and dietary staff, is \$15.00 per hour. For purposes of this subsection,
7 "health care facility" means a hospital, nursing facility, long-term care facility, residential
8 care facility, rehabilitation residential setting or other similar setting.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2024, the minimum wage for individuals
11 employed by or who work in a health care facility is \$15.00 per hour.