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S.P. 336

In Senate, February 21, 2023

**An Act to Align the Minimum Rate of Pay for Manufacturers of
Maine License Plates at the Maine State Prison with Maine's
Minimum Wage Laws**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety 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 HICKMAN of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PLUECKER of Warren and
Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, President JACKSON of Aroostook, TIPPING of
Penobscot, Representatives: CRAFTS of Newcastle, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of
Westbrook, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. C, §3, is
3 further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

4 The Warden of the State Prison has charge of operations at the State Prison relative to the
5 manufacture of all plates made for the State. The Warden of the State Prison, with the
6 consent of the Secretary of State, may employ for limited periods of time a supervisor for
7 the purpose of instructing inmates residents in the operation of making such plates.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. C, §3, is
9 further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

10 The minimum hourly wage paid to residents manufacturing vehicle registration plates in
11 accordance with this subsection is the minimum hourly wage set forth in Title 26, section
12 664, subsection 1.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that the minimum hourly wage for residents at the Maine State Prison
15 working at tasks related to manufacturing vehicle registration plates must be consistent
16 with Maine's minimum hourly wage. This bill also changes language in the current law
17 referring to "inmate" to the wording "resident."