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House of Representatives, March 30, 2023

**An Act to Promote Minimum Wage Consistency by Limiting the
Authority of Municipalities Regarding Minimum Hourly Pay**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner.
Cosponsored by Representative: BRADSTREET of Vassalboro.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Preemption.** A municipality or other political subdivision may not enact an
4 ordinance or other rule purporting to have the force of law under its home rule or other
5 authority regulating the minimum hourly wage paid by an employer. Any ordinance or
6 other rule of a municipality or other political subdivision that regulates the minimum hourly
7 wage paid by an employer in effect on the effective date of this subsection is unenforceable.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill prohibits a municipality or other political subdivision of the State from
10 enacting an ordinance regulating the minimum hourly wage that an employer must pay an
11 employee.