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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

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CHAPTER 467**AN ACT Increasing Minimum Wages.**

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

R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. The first sentence of section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 88 of chapter 622 and the 2nd sentence, as amended by chapter 415, both of the public laws of 1971, are further amended to read as follows:

By reason of the declaration of policy set forth in section 661 and in the protection of the industry or business and in the enhancement of public interest, health, safety and welfare, it is declared unlawful for any employer to employ any employee, except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, at the rate of less than ~~\$1.80~~ \$1.90 per hour; nor work more than 40 hours in one week, unless 1½ times the regular hourly rate is paid for all work done over 40 hours in any one week; and whenever the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of ~~\$1.80~~ \$1.90 per hour, the minimum wage established under this section shall be increased to the same amount, effective either on the same date as the increase in the highest federal minimum wage or September 23, 1971, whichever occurs later, but in no case shall the minimum wage exceed \$2 per hour. Except that on October 15, ~~1971~~ 1973 to October 15, ~~1972~~ 1974, those employees in a nursing home or employees in a hospital shall be paid at a rate of no less than ~~\$1.60~~ \$1.80 per hour and thereafter ~~\$1.80~~ \$1.90 per hour.

Effective October 3, 1973

CHAPTER 468**AN ACT Relating to Nets to Catch Shrimp.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the northern shrimp fishery generates \$9,000,000 to the coastal economy annually in manufactured product value; and

Whereas, it is primarily a winter fishery and provides continued employment during a slack fishing period; and

Whereas, the fishing intensity on *Pandalus borealis* in the Gulf of Maine has greatly increased during the past few years; and

Whereas, research indicates that the older-year class of shrimp are seriously depleted, the oldest-year class being completely gone; therefore, we are in grave danger of destroying the fishery by overfishing the younger-year classes with present mesh size nets; and

Whereas, continued overfishing will destroy the reproductive ability and eliminate the ability of the stocks to recover from the heavy fishing pressure; and