

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature
1ST SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 2, 1974 TO MARCH 29, 1974
AND BY THE
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REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 1, 1975 TO JULY 2, 1975

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THE KNOWLTON AND MCLEARY COMPANY
FARMINGTON, MAINE
1975

PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature

AT THE
SPECIAL SESSION

January 2, 1974

to

March 29, 1974

CHAPTER 752**AN ACT to Increase the Minimum Wage.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. The first sentence as last repealed and replaced by section 171 of chapter 625 and the 2nd sentence as last amended by chapter 467, both of the public laws of 1973 of section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, are 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 ~~\$1.90~~ \$2 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 ~~\$1.90~~ \$2 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 \$3 per hour. Except that on October 15, ~~1973~~ 1974 to October 15, ~~1974~~ 1975, those employees in a nursing home or employees in a hospital shall be paid at a rate of no less than ~~\$1.80~~ \$1.90 per hour and thereafter ~~\$1.90~~ \$2 per hour.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective October 15, 1974.

Effective October 15, 1974

CHAPTER 753

AN ACT to Enable the Temporary Extension of Unemployment Compensation Benefits as Provided by Recent Federal Legislation as a Result of the Energy Crisis.

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

Whereas, shortages of petroleum products threaten severe economic dislocation, increases in unemployment and loss of income; and

Whereas, the number of unemployed in the State is increasing at a rapid rate in a limited labor market; and

Whereas, many who are now unemployed have exhausted their unemployment benefits; and

Whereas, many who are now unemployed and receiving unemployment compensation will exhaust their benefits; and

Whereas, on August 10, 1970 the 91st Congress of the United States enacted Public Law 91-373, "Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970"; and