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**121st Legislature (2002-2004)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 673 / SP0237

An Act To Increase Maine's Minimum Wage. Presented by Senator HATCH of Somerset; Cosponsored by Representative PATRICK of Rumford and Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, HATCH of Skowhegan, NORTON of Bangor, PINEAU of Jay. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Labor. Public Hearing 04/17/03. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 04/07/04. Amended by: CA S-359, SA S-491, SA/CA S-563. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 05/10/04, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 697.

**Original Bill**

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**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

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**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Labor

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-359\) \(LD 673 2004\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HA \(H-843\) \(LD 673 2004\)](#)

[Amendment SA \(S-491\) \(LD 673 2004\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment HB \(H-870\) \(LD 673 2004\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-563\) \(LD 673 2004\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

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[HOUSE, April 12, 2004 \(H1585-1614\)](#)

- p. H-1589 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) S-359, S-491)

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- p. S-1737 (Roll Call(s)) (Amendment(s) S-359, S-563)

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## News Articles

Wage hike raises flag (Coultras, Carol) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 1/22/2004, p. A1, A7) ●

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House narrowly approves raising Maine's minimum wage (Bangor Daily News, 3/30/2004) ●

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Bill to exempt jobless benefits gaining ground (Bangor Daily News, 3/31/2004, p. B1, B5) ●

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Debate set today on loggers bill (Bangor Daily News, 4/5/2004, p. B6) ● (Available on

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Senate OKs minimum-wage bill (Cover, Susan M.) (Kennebec Journal, 4/8/2004, p. B5) ●  
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Minimum wage increase passes (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/8/2004) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0673/SB121339.pdf)

Minimum wage hike sliced but OK'd (Betts, Stephen) (Courier-Gazette, 4/10/2004) ●  
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Wage bill heads to committee (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 4/14/2004) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0673/SB121357.pdf)

Wage hike on way (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 5/11/2004, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 121/LD06xx/nc121-LD-0673/SB121427.pdf)

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