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An Act To Provide a Livable Wage for Maine Families

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 640, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Minimum wage. The minimum hourly wage is \$6.50 per hour. Starting October 1, 2006, the minimum hourly wage is \$6.75 per hour. Starting October 1, 2007, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.00 per hour. Starting October 1, 2008, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.25 per hour. Starting October 1, 2009, the minimum hourly wage is \$7.50 per hour. On October 1st of each year, if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index on June 30th of that year from the Consumer Price Index on June 30th of the preceding year, then the minimum hourly wage in effect at that time must be increased by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index increase. For purposes of this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 5402, subsection 1. If the highest federal minimum wage is increased in excess of the minimum wage in effect under this section, the minimum wage under this section is increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the increase in the federal minimum wage, ~~but in no case may the minimum wage exceed the minimum wage otherwise in effect under this section by more than \$1 per hour.~~

SUMMARY

This bill requires the minimum hourly wage to be adjusted for inflation on October 1st of each year.