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In Senate, January 9, 2023

An Act to Establish a Minimum Wage for All Health Care Workers Including All Support Staff

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Senators: RAFFERTY of York, TIPPING of Penobscot, Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, ROEDER of Bangor.

1	Be it enacted by the Feople of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:
3 4	<u>1-A. Minimum wage for health care workers.</u> Notwithstanding subsection 1, beginning January 1, 2024, the minimum wage for individuals employed by or who work
5	in a health care facility, including, but not limited to, health care practitioners, housekeepers
6	and support, laundry and dietary staff, is \$15.00 per hour. For purposes of this subsection,
7	"health care facility" means a hospital, nursing facility, long-term care facility, residential
8	care facility, rehabilitation residential setting or other similar setting.
9	SUMMARY
10 11	This bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2024, the minimum wage for individuals employed by or who work in a health care facility is \$15.00 per hour.