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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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. Starting July 1, 2014, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.00 per hour. Starting July 1, 2015, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour. Starting July 1, 2016, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour. Starting July 1, 2017 and each July 1st thereafter, if there is an increase in the Consumer Price Index as of March 30th of that year from the Consumer Price Index as of March 30th of the preceding year, 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" means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 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 amendment raises the minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2014, \$8.50 per hour beginning July 1, 2015 and \$9.00 per hour beginning July 1, 2016. Beginning July 1, 2017, the minimum wage will be automatically adjusted for inflation on July 1st of each year.