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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 January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$8.50 per hour; starting January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.50 per hour; and starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour.~~ 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 amends the bill as follows:

1. It raises the minimum wage to \$8.50 per hour in 2017, instead of the \$9.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
2. It raises the minimum wage to \$9.00 per hour in 2018, instead of the \$10.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
3. It raises the minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour in 2019, instead of the \$11.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
4. It raises the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour in 2020, instead of the \$12.00 per hour proposed in the bill;
5. It strikes language in the bill requiring that, beginning in 2021, the minimum hourly wage must be increased by the increase in the cost of living;
6. It restores language that limits the increase in the State's minimum wage in response to an increase in the federal minimum wage to no more than \$1 more per hour; and
7. It strikes language proposed in the bill to increase the minimum wage paid to workers who receive tips.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)