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**STATE OF MAINE  
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131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 890, L.D. 1376, “An Act to Create a Livable Wage by Increasing the Minimum Hourly Wage”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Increase the State Minimum Wage to \$15 Per Hour'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§1,** as amended by IB 2015, c. 2, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Minimum wage.** The minimum hourly wage is ~~\$7.50~~ \$13.80 per hour. ~~Starting January 1, 2017, the minimum hourly wage is \$9.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2018, the minimum hourly wage is \$10.00 per hour; starting January 1, 2019, the minimum hourly wage is \$11.00 per hour; and starting January 1, 2020, the minimum hourly wage is \$12.00 per hour.~~ Starting January 1, 2024, the minimum hourly wage is \$15.00 per hour. On January 1, ~~2021~~ 2025 and each January 1st thereafter, the minimum hourly wage then in effect must be increased by the increase, if any, in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living must be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, CPI-W, for the Northeast Region, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded to the nearest multiple of 5¢. 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, and must be increased in accordance with this section thereafter.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. This amendment increases the minimum hourly wage to \$15.00 per hour beginning January 1, 2024. It specifies that on January 1, 2025 and every year thereafter, the minimum wage increases by the increase, if any, in the cost of living.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**