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S.P. 227

In Senate, February 4, 1997

An Act to Fully Fund the Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement Program.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of York. Cosponsored by Representative BARTH of Bethel and Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: VOLENIK of Brooklin, BRENNAN of Portland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §578, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 452,
4	§4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:
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8	The State Tax Assessor shall pay any municipal claim found to be in satisfactory form within 90 days after receipt of the claim. If-the-sum-of-all-approved-claims-exceeds-funds-appropriated-for
10	reimbursement-under-this-subchapter,-payments-must-be-prorated-so that-each-eligible-municipality-receives-the-same-percentage-of
12	its-approved-reimbursement.
14	Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
16	1997-98 1998-99
18	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
20	SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
22	Tree Growth Reimbursement
24	All Other \$5,100,000 \$5,100,000
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28	Provides funds for the 90% reimbursement level required by law.
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32	SUMMARY
34	This bill provides funding to reimburse eligible municipalities the full 90% amount required by the Maine Tree
36	Growth Tax Law. The current reimbursement amount is approximately 40%.