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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "M" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1351, L.D. 1828, Bill, "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary for the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part CC the following:

PART DD

Sec. DD-1. 36 MRSA §3203, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 688, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Generally. Except as provided in section 3204-A, an excise tax is levied and imposed on all suppliers of distillates sold, on all retailers of low-energy fuel sold and on all users of special fuel used in this State for each gallon of distillate at the rate of 23¢ per gallon and for each gallon of low-energy fuel based on the British Thermal Unit, referred to in this subsection as "BTU," energy content for each fuel as compared to gasoline. ~~In the case of distillates, the tax rate provided by this section is subject to annual inflation adjustment pursuant to section 3321.~~ Applicable BTU values are as follows.

Fuel type	BTU content per gallon	Formula (BTU value fuel/ BTU value gasoline) x tax rate gasoline	Tax rate
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HOUSE AMENDMENT

**PLS**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "M" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1351,  
L.D. 1828

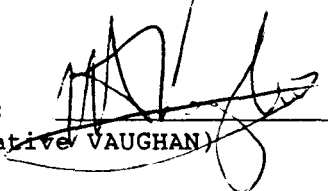
2	Gasoline	115,000	100% x 22¢	22¢ per gallon as authorized in section 2903
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8	Methanol (M85)	65,530	57% x 22¢	12.5¢ per gallon
10	Ethanol (E85)	81,850	71% x 22¢	15.6¢ per gallon
12				
14	Propane	84,500	73% x 22¢	16¢ per gallon
16				
18	Compressed Natural Gas	100,000 (BTU per 100 standard cubic feet)	87% x 22¢	19.1¢ per 100 standard cubic feet
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22 Sec. DD-2. 36 MRSA c. 465, as amended, is repealed.

24 Sec. DD-3. Effective date. This Part takes effect January 1, 2005.

28 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment repeals the law that provides for an automatic increase in the gasoline tax.

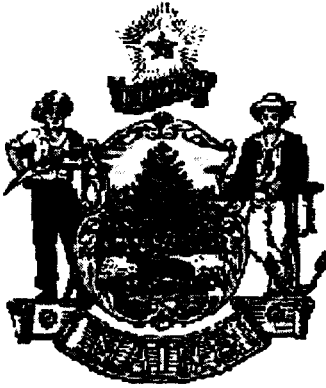
34 SPONSORED BY: 

36 (Representative VAUGHAN)

38 TOWN: Durham

40 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 1828**

**An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary for the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005**

**LR 2700(30)**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Vaughn**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Future biennium revenue decrease - General Fund

Future biennium revenue decrease - Highway Fund

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This amendment will decrease General Fund revenue by \$4,799 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$9,788 in fiscal year 2006-07, decrease Highway Fund revenue by \$4,328,583 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$8,878,129 in fiscal year 2006-07 and decrease Other Special Revenue Funds by \$84,076 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$171,472 in fiscal year 2006-07.

This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations and revenue in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05.