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4	STATE OF MAINE
5	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
6	126TH LEGISLATURE
7	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
8 9 10	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 785, L.D. 1113, Bill, "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness to Maine's Middle Class and Working Families"
11	Amend the amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:
12 13	'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-C, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. I, §1 is further amended to read:
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	5-C. Transfers to General Fund. For the months beginning on or after July 1, 2009, \$25,383,491 in fiscal year 2009-10, \$38,145,323 in fiscal year 2010-11, \$40,350,638 in fiscal year 2011-12 and, \$44,267,343 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$35,025,200 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$36,708,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the total transfers pursuant to subsection 5 must be transferred to General Fund undedicated revenue. The amounts transferred to General Fund undedicated revenue each fiscal year pursuant to this subsection must be deducted from the distributions required by subsections 4-A and 4-B based on the percentage share of the transfers to the Local Government Fund as determined at the beginning of the fiscal year.'
25	Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.
26 27 28	Amend the amendment in section 3 in §5111-C in subsection 2 in the first line (page 3, line 7 in amendment) by striking out the following: "2014" and inserting the following '2013'
29 30	Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 and inserting the following:
31 32 33 34 35 36 37	'Sec. 4. Legislation increasing resident property tax relief programs. By January 15, 2014, the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that, beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, increases the benefit provided under the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 105, subchapter 4-B and any other program that provides a property tax fairness credit to Maine residents for the homesteads of those Maine residents.

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1 2	Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.					
3	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF					
4	Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002					
5	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to implement the new tax equalization assessment					
6 7	including the costs of computer programming to update the Maine automated tax and processing systems and a new assessment worksheet form.					
8	GENERAL FUND 2013-14 2014-15					
9	All Other \$124,800 \$0					
10 11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$124,800 \$0					
12	GENERAL FORD TOTAL					
13	Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter					
14	or section number to read consecutively.					
15	SUMMARY					
16	This amendment:					
17 18	1. Removes the changes proposed by Committee Amendment "A" to the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption and the Circuitbreaker Program;					
19 20	2. Changes the effective date of the tax equalization assessment to apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013;					
21 22	3. Applies the revenue generated by the tax equalization assessment to Statemunicipal revenue sharing for fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15; and					
23	4. Authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation to report out a bill to the					
24	Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that increases the benefit under the					
25 26	Maine resident homestead property tax exemption and any other program that benefits Maine residents for property taxes imposed on their homesteads.					
27	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED					
28	(See attached)					
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29	SPONSORED BY:					
30	(Representative CAREY)					
	TOWN I					

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 785, L.D. 1113

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TOWN: Lewiston

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# **HOUSE AMENDMENT**



### 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1113

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### An Act To Provide Tax Fairness to Maine's Middle Class and Working Families

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

Sponsor: Rep. Carey of Lewiston

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

#### **Fiscal Note**

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$0	(\$991,675)	(\$42,376,500)	(\$41,721,625)
Appropriations/Allocations General Fund	\$124,800	(\$37,329,675)	(\$49,606,500)	(\$50,951,625)
Revenue General Fund	\$124,800	(\$36,338,000)	(\$7,230,000)	(\$9,230,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$36,875,200	\$36,638,000	(\$70,000)	(\$70,000)

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the net General Fund cost of the bill by \$991,675 in fiscal year 2014-15, \$42,376,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$41,721,625 in fiscal year 2016-17. As amended, this bill has no net Genreal Fund impact during the current biennium. The table below summarizes the impact of the bill as amended by this amendment.

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17			
General Fund Appropriations							
One-time administrative costs for new tax assessment	\$124,800	\$0	\$0	\$0			
General Fund Revenue							
Tax equalization assessment	\$35,150,000	\$36,708,000	\$41,287,000	\$44,650,000			
Local Government Fund (Municipal Revenue Sharing)							
Tax equalization assessment	\$1,850,000	\$1,932,000	\$2,173,000	\$2,350,000			
Additional Fixed Dollar Transfers	\$35,025,200	\$36,708,000	\$0	\$0			