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An Act To Amend the Individual Income Tax Laws

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono. Cosponsored by Senator HASKELL of Cumberland and Representatives: MOONEN of Portland, STUCKEY of Portland, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:	
2 3	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§1-D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. Q, §4, is amended to read:	
4 5 6	1-D. Single individuals and married persons filing separate returns; tax years beginning 2014. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 <u>but not later than</u> <u>December 31, 2014</u> , for single individuals and married persons filing separate returns:	
7 8 9 10	If Maine Taxable income is: At least \$5,200 but less than \$20,900 \$20,900 or more	The tax is: 6.5% of the excess over \$5,200 \$1,021 plus 7.95% of the excess over \$20,900
11	Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§1-E is enacted to read:	
12 13 14	<u>1-E. Single individuals and married persons filing separate returns; tax years</u> <u>beginning 2015.</u> For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, for single individuals and married persons filing separate returns:	
15 16 17 18 19 20	If Maine Taxable income is: At least \$5,200 but less than \$20,900 \$20,900 but less than \$120,000 \$120,000 or more	<u>The tax is:</u> <u>6.5% of the excess over \$5,200</u> <u>\$1,021 plus 7.95% of the excess over</u> <u>\$20,900</u> <u>\$8,899 plus 10% of the excess over</u> <u>\$120,000</u>

- Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§2-D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. Q, §6, is
 amended to read:
- 23 2-D. Heads of households; tax years beginning 2014. For tax years beginning on
 24 or after January 1, 2014 <u>but not later than December 31, 2014</u>, for unmarried individuals
 25 or legally separated individuals who qualify as heads of households:

26	If Maine Taxable income is:	The tax is:
27	At least \$7,850 but less than \$31,350	6.5% of the excess over \$7,850
28	\$31,350 or more	\$1,528 plus 7.95% of the excess over
29		\$31,350

- 30 Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§2-E is enacted to read:
- 2-E. Heads of households; tax years beginning 2015. For tax years beginning on
 or after January 1, 2015, for unmarried individuals or legally separated individuals who
 qualify as heads of households:

1	If Maine Taxable income is:	The tax is:
2	<u>At least \$7,850 but less than \$31,350</u>	<u>6.5% of the excess over \$7,850</u>
3	<u>\$31,350 but less than \$180,000</u>	\$1,528 plus 7.95% of the excess over
4		<u>\$31,350</u>
5	<u>\$180,000 or more</u>	\$13,346 plus 10% of the excess over
6		<u>\$180,000</u>

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§3-D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. Q, §8, is
 amended to read:

3-D. Individuals filing married joint return or surviving spouses; tax years
 beginning 2014. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 <u>but not later than</u>
 <u>December 31, 2014</u>, for individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses
 permitted to file a joint return:

13	If Maine Taxable income is:	The tax is:
14	At least \$10,450 but less than \$41,850	6.5% of the excess over \$10,450
15	\$41,850 or more	\$2,041 plus 7.95% of the excess over
16		\$41,850

17 Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§3-E is enacted to read:

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18 <u>3-E. Individuals filing married joint return or surviving spouses; tax years</u>
 19 <u>beginning 2015.</u> For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, for individuals
 20 filing married joint returns or surviving spouses permitted to file a joint return:

21	If Maine Taxable income is:	The tax is:
22	At least \$10,450 but less than \$41,850	6.5% of the excess over \$10,450
23	<u>\$41,850 but less than \$240,000</u>	\$2,041 plus 7.95% of the excess over
24		<u>\$41,850</u>
25	<u>\$240,000 or more</u>	\$17,794 plus 10% of the excess over
26		<u>\$240,000</u>

SUMMARY

This bill creates a new income tax bracket with a rate of 10% and a threshold of \$120,000 for single filers, \$180,000 for head-of-household filers and \$240,000 for persons filing joint returns.