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financial affairs matters of the specific direction provided to the assessor and the effect of that determination on Maine income tax laws and the state budget. Upon receipt of notice, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters may convene, with public notice, hold hearings, and report bills related to the Governor's action either during the current legislative session or the next regular or special session.

LD 288 An Act to Make Technical Changes to Maine's Tax Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 113 makes the following technical changes to Maine's property tax laws.

1. It changes the certification requirements for full-time, professional property assessors to require that they must be certified by Maine Revenue Services as having the basic knowledge required to perform the assessing function instead of being certified as professionally trained assessors.
2. It removes the requirement that Maine Revenue Services send municipalities printed applications for the Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption.
3. It clarifies the definition of "homestead" in the laws governing homestead property tax deferrals for senior citizens and persons with disabilities by correcting the calculation of the value of the common areas and tax lot included in a homestead in a multi-unit building.
4. It corrects a conflict in the payment due date for the homestead property tax deferral program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities by changing the due date from April 30th of the calendar year following the year in which the property exited the program to within 12 months after the property exited the program to conform to changes made to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 6260, subsection 2 by Public Law 2023, chapter 441, Part B, section 5.

Public Law 2025, chapter 113 makes the following technical changes to Maine's sales tax laws.

1. It clarifies that the retail sale exclusion for the sale or lease or rental of tangible personal property for further lease or rental does not include the further casual sale or rental of the tangible personal property.
2. It clarifies the timing of the testing period for the sales tax exemption for leases for certain instrumentalities of interstate or foreign commerce.

Public Law 2025, chapter 113 makes the following technical changes to Maine's income tax laws.

1. It clarifies that the income-based phase-out of the dependent exemption tax credit for nonresident and part-year resident taxpayers applies before the proration of the credit for those taxpayers.

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2. It eliminates the expired high-technology investment income tax credit.
3. It eliminates the requirement that a separate return must be filed for the insurance premiums tax on workers' compensation insurance.
4. It updates a calendar year reference in the section of law governing estimated income tax payments to a fiscal year to address a provision that was missed when Public Law 2023, chapter 360 updated the other calendar year references in that section.
5. It eliminates the expired shipbuilding facility credit.

Public Law 2025, chapter 113 also removes and replaces gendered language in laws governing property taxes and certain other provisions and makes other changes to conform with current drafting standards.

LD 294 An Act to Expand Municipal Volunteer Program Eligibility Requirements in the Municipal Property Tax Assistance Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 337 permits municipalities, beginning January 1, 2026, to adopt programs to provide benefits to residents who are at least 60 years of age or volunteer firefighters, volunteer municipal firefighters or volunteer emergency medical services persons.

LD 366 An Act to Ensure Consistency of Income Tax Deductions for Retired Members of the Uniformed Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 452 clarifies that a “military retirement plan,” for purposes of the pension benefit deduction, refers to a retirement benefit received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the United States uniformed services, by incorporating a definition from the United States Code.

LD 526 An Act to Reduce the Time Period for Challenging the Validity of a Property Tax Lien on Commercial Real Estate

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 231 establishes a two-year limit for commencing an action to challenge the validity of a governmental taking of commercial real estate for nonpayment of property taxes, with the two-year period beginning immediately after the expiration of the redemption period. The

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