

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 17, 1967

Referred to Committee on Taxation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McMann of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Disposition of Tax on Transient Rentals under Sales  
Tax Law.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 36, § 1952-A, additional. Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1952-A, to read as follows:

§ 1952-A. Disposition of transient rental tax

Thirty-three and one-third percent of the annual transient room tax shall be diverted and become a special budget item to be added to the normal appropriation of the Department of Economic Development for the purposes of advertising, promoting and encouraging additional tourism into Maine from beyond the State's borders and thus enhancing substantially the income from vacation-travel. This item shall not be substituted for the whole or any part of the department's annual appropriation for these purposes and shall be used on a 50%-50% matching basis with recognized chambers of commerce, associations, organizations or cooperative bodies of citizens located within each of the 16 counties of Maine. No more than 1/16 of the total made available by this method shall be allocated on an equal matching basis to any one county raising on its own part the same amount and 2 or more counties may combine their allotments and matching the state funds on the 50%-50% basis. Any balances of the special budget item remaining unexpended at the beginning of the 4th quarter of each year of the biennium shall be added to the normal advertising and promotional budget of the Department of Economic Development and expended by the department to advertise or promote, or both, tourism into the entire State and not into any specific geographical area of the State.