

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
103rd LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 714, L.D. 1744, Bill, "An Act to Appropriate Additional Moneys for the Expenditures of State Government and for Other Purposes for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1968 and June 30, 1969."

Amend said Bill in the Title by adding after the word "Appropriate" the words 'and Provide' and by adding after the figure "1969" the words 'Conditioned Upon the People's Ratification by a Referendum Vote'

Further amend said Bill in the first line by adding after the word "appropriated" the punctuation and words ', conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote,'

Further amend said Bill in the first line of Section C by adding after the word "appropriated" the punctuation and words ', conditioned upon the people's ratification by a referendum vote,'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end, the following:

'Section D

Sec. 1. R.S., T. 36, § 1766, additional. Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1766, as follows:

§ 1766. Dedicated revenues

From the total revenues collected from the sales and use tax, including the increase in the tax provided by this Act, 1/10th of the revenues is dedicated each fiscal year for general purposes subsidies to cities and towns.

Sec. 2. R.S., T. 36, § 1811, amended. The first paragraph of section 1811 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 6 of chapter 362 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

A tax is imposed at the rate of 4% 5% on the value of all tangible personal property and telephone and telegraph service sold

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at retail in this State, and upon the rental charged for living quarters in hotels, rooming houses, tourist or trailer camps, measured by the sale price, except as in chapters 211 to 225 provided. Retailers shall pay such tax at the time and in the manner provided, and it shall be in addition to all other taxes.

Sec. 3. R.S., T. 36, § 1812, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section 1812 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Every retailer shall add the sales tax imposed by chapters 211 to 225, or the average equivalent of said tax, to his sale price, except as otherwise provided, and when added the tax shall constitute a part of the price, shall be a debt of the purchaser to the retailer until paid and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as the purchase price. When the sale price shall involve a fraction of a dollar, the tax shall be added to the sale price upon the following schedules:

Amount of Sale Price	Amount of Tax
\$0.01 to \$0.10, inclusive	0c
.11 to .20, inclusive	1c
.21 to .40, inclusive	2c
.41 to .60, inclusive	3c
.61 to .80, inclusive	4c
.81 to .99, inclusive	5c

When the sale price exceeds 99c, the tax to be added to the price shall be 5c for each whole dollar, plus the amount indicated for each fractional part of a dollar.

Sec. 4. R.S., T. 36, § 1861, amended. The first sentence of section 1861 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

A tax is imposed on the storage, use or other consumption in this State of tangible personal property, purchased at retail sale on and after July 1, 1963, at the rate of 4% 5% of the sale price.

Sec. 5. Effective date. Sales and use tax liability accruing after May 31, 1968 shall be computed on the basis of the

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rates imposed by Section D. Retail sales and purchases made after May 31, 1968, including retail sales and purchases made pursuant to contracts entered into prior thereto and telephone and telegraph charges first billed on or after June 1, 1968, shall be subject to the taxes imposed by Section D.

#### Section E

Bond issues. All bond issues authorized by the 103rd Legislature, excepting those specifically called for the next general election to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of November, 1968 and those in conjunction with proposed changes in the Constitution of Maine, shall be presented to the people of the State for their consideration on the 2nd Tuesday of September, 1967 notwithstanding any provision in any specific bond issue to the contrary.

#### Section F

Referendum. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this State are empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of Senators and Representatives, at a special state-wide election to be held on the 2nd Tuesday in September, 1967, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing Act, and the question, which shall be the first question on the ballot, shall be: "Shall an Act to provide for increased educational subsidies to the cities and towns to relieve the local tax burden, for the removal of the obligation of the cities and towns for Aid to Dependent Children, for increases in the salaries of existing wages for state employees to compensate for the increased cost of living, to aid the education and rehabilitation of the blind, disabled and mentally retarded, to improve the enforcement of our criminal laws and certain other needful services of State Government become law, together with a 1c increase in the existing sales tax to provide revenue necessary to finance the foregoing, as passed by the 103rd Legislature, become effective as law?"

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The inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question and shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said Act voting "Yes" and those opposed to said Act voting "No". The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for Governor and members of the Legislature within 2 weeks of said referendum, and the Governor and Council shall count and canvass the same, and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the Act, the Governor shall within 10 days after the vote therein has been canvassed and determined, make known the fact by his public proclamation and the Act shall take effect and become a law in 30 days after the date of said proclamation.'

Filed by Mr. Richardson of Cumberland.

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