

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1108

S. P. 369

In Senate, February 26, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Wyman of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Amount of Annual Excise Tax on Railroads.

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

R. S., T. 36, § 2624, amended. The next to the last sentence of the first paragraph of section 2624 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

When net railway operating income for the preceding year is less than $5\frac{3}{4}\%$ of investment in railway property used in transportation service, less depreciation and plus cash, including temporary cash investments and special deposits, and material and supplies, as reported by the railroad in its annual report to the Public Utilities Commission, the tax payable shall be diminished by a sum which added to said net railway operating income would equal $5\frac{3}{4}\%$ of the investment as aforesaid; except that in any event the tax payable shall not be diminished below a minimum amount equal to 2% of the gross transportation receipts for the year 1964 and equal to ~~1%~~ .10% of the gross transportation receipts for each succeeding year.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that the loss in revenue to the General Fund will amount to \$427,500 in 1971-72 and \$432,000 in 1972-73.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This legislation would reduce the amount paid by class 1 railroads in Maine for the privilege of operating in this State during periods of very low income.