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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Certain Taxes to Municipalities.

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

R. S., T. 36, § 656-A, additional. Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 656-A to read as follows:

§ 656-A. Distribution of certain taxes to municipalities

The municipalities, upon proof of the facts in form satisfactory to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, shall have a valid claim against the State to recover 100% of the taxes lost by reason of any exemptions from taxes otherwise assessed pursuant to Title 36, part 2, other than those statutory exemptions from such taxes as are already in existence at the effective date of this section. Such claims shall be presented to the Treasurer of State by the first day of September each year and the Treasurer of State shall pay to the municipalities all such claims out of general revenues by the first day of December of such year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would relieve the municipalities of any further financial burdens placed upon them by reason of the Legislature enacting further classes of exemptions from the property tax. The revenue loss to municipalities caused by new exemptions granted by the Legislature would be paid back to the municipalities out of the General Fund.