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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
1279, L.D. 1510, Bill, "AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws Relating
to Local and County Government."

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 15 the
following:

'Sec. 15-A. 30 MRSA §5056, sub-§2, as last amended by
PL 1977, c. 98, §7, is further amended by adding at the end
the following new paragraphs to read:

The municipal officers may certify to the assessors the estimated
amount to be received by the municipality under this section,
and may direct the assessors to reduce the sum committed for
collection by that amount. The assessors, if so directed, shall
reduce the tax commitment in the manner provided in Title 36,
section 714.

This section shall be effective retroactive to April 27, 1977.
Any tax commitment made in calendar year 1977 that has been
reduced by an amount anticipated to be received under this
section is hereby validated notwithstanding the lack of formal
certification by the municipal officers.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the method for dealing with anticipated reimbursements for the loss in inventory tax revenues provided for in PL 1977, chapter 147. It permits the municipal officers to treat these revenues in the same manner as state municipal revenue sharing funds without specific authority from the municipal legislative body. Some towns have reduced their tax commitments for 1977 by the anticipated reimbursement amount. Blanket legislative validation would avoid the need to call special town meetings in many communities.

Filed by Mr. Henderson of Bangor.

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