

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT " ${\mathbb B}$ " to H.P. 1514, L.D. 1749, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Maine Income Tax Law."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of that part designated "<u>§5203.</u>" of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

\$5203. Minimum tax for tax preferences

1. Tax imposed. In addition to any other tax imposed by this Part, there is hereby imposed on every taxpayer for each taxable year, a tax equal to 15% of the federal minimum tax which is imposed on the taxpayer for the taxable year by the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, section 56, as amended.

2. Capital gain tax preference item not included. In the case of a corporation, the capital gain tax preference item in the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, section 57 (a) (9) (B), as amended, shall not be included as an item of tax preference for the purpose of determining the tax liability of a corporation under subsection 1.

3. Adjustment of tax. The tax imposed on a taxpayer by subsection 1 shall be adjusted proportionately if only a portion of the taxpayer's income is taxable by the State. The State Tax Assessor shall prescribe by regulation the adjustment of such a taxpayer's tax liability under subsection 1.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to delete long-term capital gain income for a corporation from the minimum tax on tax preferences because under the state corporate tax this income is taxed at the full rate and is not now a preferred item as it is under the federal income tax law.

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