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H. P. 132

House of Representatives, January 23, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cox of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Clarify the Confidentiality of Certain Tax Records.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA § 191, sub-§ 2, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 668, § 2, is amended to read:

I. The disclosure of information acquired pursuant to Part 2 **with the exception of information acquired pursuant to section 841, subsection 5.**

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA § 841, sub-§ 5, 3rd ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 509, § 16, is amended to read:

~~When such abatement is made, a record thereof setting forth the name of the party or parties benefited, the amount of the abatement and the reasons for the abatement shall, within 30 days, be made and kept in suitable book form open to the public at reasonable times~~ **Records of these abatements shall be kept in the manner prescribed by Title 22, section 4508**; and a report of the same in gross amount without names shall be made to the municipality at its annual meeting, or by the mayor and aldermen of cities by the first Monday in March.

STATEMENT OF FACT

There is currently a great deal of confusion regarding the confidentiality of information obtained pursuant to Title 36, section 841, subsection 5. Most of the information used by municipal officers in making their determination under this statute is protected by confidentiality provisions of other statutes.