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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{A} " to H.P. 1100, L.D. 1297, Bill, "AN ACT for the Assessment of Watercraft."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following: 'S610-A. Watercraft assessed as personal property

All watercraft taxed as personal property under this subchapter shall be assessed at just value. As used in this section "watercraft" means any type of vessel, boat or craft capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, other than a seaplane, and includes the motor attached to it and used to propel it.

By February 1, 1982, the State Tax Assessor shall by regulation prescribe a formula which may be used by municipalities as a guideline to determine the just value of watercraft which exceed 12 feet in length but which do not exceed 65 feet in length. The formula shall take into consideration such factors as dimensions, construction materials, propulsion and depreciation factors.

For watercraft 12 feet or less in length or more than 65 feet in length and for all other watercraft for which the formula prescribed by the State Tax Assessor does not result in just value, the municipality shall use whatever other means of assessment that most accurately determines just value.

The State Tax Assessor shall annually, as part of its

municipal valuation data collection effort, require municipalities

to list the method used to calculate the just value of watercraft.

Statement of Fact

This amendment requires the State Tax Assessor to establish by regulation a formula for the assessment of watercraft.

Reported by the Committee on Taxation.
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