

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 2177

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STATE OF MAINE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1591, L.D. 2177,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law."

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Amend the Bill in section 1 in subsection 1 in 3rd  
paragraph by striking out all of the next to last  
underlined sentence (page 2, lines 36 to 38 in L.D.)  
and inserting in its place the following: 'For tax  
years beginning on or after April 1, 1987, the amount  
of reimbursement shall be 40% of the tax revenue lost  
as a result of this subchapter. For tax years  
beginning on or after April 1, 1988, the amount of  
reimbursement shall be 65% of the tax revenue lost as  
a result of this subchapter. For tax years beginning  
on or after April 1, 1989, the amount of reimbursement  
shall be 90% of the tax revenue lost as a result of  
this subchapter.'

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Further amend the Bill in section 2 in the 5th  
line from the end (page 4, line 19 in L.D.) by  
striking out the underlined words "Ninety percent" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'For tax years  
beginning on or after April 1, 1987, 40% of the amount  
thus collected shall be sent to the State Tax Assessor  
within 7 days of collection. For tax years beginning  
on or after April 1, 1988, 65% of the amount thus  
collected shall be sent to the State Tax Assessor  
within 7 days of collection. For tax years beginning  
on or after April 1, 1989, 90%

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1591, L.D. 2177

1 Further amend the Bill in section 3 in the 6th  
2 line from the end (page 4, line 30 in L.D.) by  
3 striking out the underlined words "Ninety percent" and  
4 inserting in its place the following: 'For tax years  
5 beginning on or after April 1, 1987, 40% of the amount  
6 thus collected shall be sent to the State Tax Assessor  
7 within 7 days of collection. For tax years beginning  
8 on or after April 1, 1988, 65% of the amount thus  
9 collected shall be sent to the State Tax Assessor  
10 within 7 days of collection. For tax years beginning  
11 on or after April 1, 1989, 90%'

12 Further amend the Bill in section 4 in the last  
13 line (page 5, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the last  
14 figure "\$1,736,000" and inserting in its place the  
15 following: '\$300,000'

16 Further amend the Bill by striking out all of the  
17 fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

'FISCAL NOTE

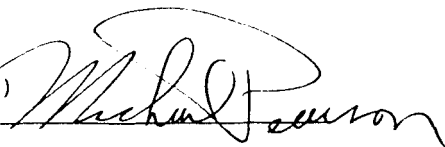
19 This bill provides for tree growth reimbursement  
20 to be phased in up to 90% of any municipality's loss  
21 of revenue. The return of any withdrawal penalties is  
22 also phased in at the corresponding levels. An  
23 additional \$300,000 is provided to the department to  
24 begin the phase-in process in fiscal year 1988-89.  
25 When fully phased in the future cost to the General  
26 Fund is estimated to be \$1,700,000 annually.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This amendment phases in various levels of tree  
29 growth reimbursement over the next 3 years. It also  
30 requires municipalities to return withdrawal penalties  
31 at the same percentage of the state reimbursement.

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33 (Sen. PEARSON)  
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35 COUNTY: Penobscot