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L.D. 2267

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1657, L.D. 2267,
Bill, "AN ACT to Amend Property Tax Exemptions."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the
following:

'Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §5058 is enacted to read:

§5058. Payments in lieu of property taxes

1. Annual payments. The Treasurer of State shall
make annual payments to municipalities in which
certain state-owned property is located.

2. Calculation of payments. Payments shall be
calculated as follows.

A. On or before September 30, 1988, and for each
succeeding year, the Commissioner of
Administration shall provide to the Treasurer of
State a list of state-owned buildings in each
municipality, along with the total floor space of
state-owned buildings in each municipality and the
estimated value of that floor space.

B. On or before September 30, 1988, and for each
succeeding year, the Commissioner of

1 Administration shall provide to the Treasurer of
2 State a list of state-owned land in each
3 municipality, along with the total acreage of
4 state-owned land in each municipality. Using the
5 current state valuation undeveloped acreage
6 valuations applicable for a particular
7 municipality, the value of the state-owned land
8 within each municipality is to be estimated.
9 Improved land is to be valued using an acreage
10 value 5 times that of the state valuation
11 undeveloped acreage value.

12 C. The following property shall not be included
13 in the calculation provided by this section:

14 (1) Property in which the State holds only a
15 leasehold interest;

16 (2) Property owned by the Bureau of Parks
17 and Recreation and for which payments are
18 made under Title 12, section 602, subsection
19 4;

20 (3) Property owned by the University of
21 Maine System;

22 (4) Property owned by the Maine Maritime
23 Academy;

24 (5) Property owned by the Maine
25 Vocational-Technical Institute System
26 established by Title 20-A, section 12557;

27 (6) Property owned by any quasi-independent
28 agency of the State;

29 (7) Property located within a state-owned
30 road right-of-way;

31 (8) Submerged or tidal lands; and

32 (9) Property owned by the Bureau of Public
33 Lands and for which payments are made as
34 required by either section 4166 or Title 12,
35 section 557, subsection 3.

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1 D. On or before December 30, 1988, and for each
2 succeeding year, the Treasurer of State shall
3 calculate the payment for each municipality. A
4 municipality's share is determined by computing
5 the municipality's total state-owned building and
6 land value and dividing this amount by the total
7 state-owned building and land value for all
8 municipalities. The amount of a municipality's
9 payment is its share multiplied by the amount
10 annually appropriated from the General Fund to
11 carry out the purposes of this section.

12 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are
13 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
14 purposes of this Act.

15		<u>1988-89</u>
16	<u>TREASURER OF STATE,</u>	
17	<u>OFFICE OF</u>	
18	All Other	\$5,000,000
19	These funds provide	
20	for payments in lieu	
21	of property taxes to	
22	municipalities for	
23	fiscal year 1988-89.	

24 FISCAL NOTE

25 An appropriation of \$5,000,000 would reimburse
26 municipalities for approximately 50% of their lost
27 revenue from property taxes.'

28 STATEMENT OF FACT

29 This amendment reimburses municipalities in part
30 for property tax revenue lost because of state-owned
31 tax exempt property.