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

7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{H} " to H.P. 1833, L.D. 2510, 8 Bill, "AN ACT to Provide for a Partial Rebate of 1987 9 Individual Income Tax."

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10 Amend the bill by inserting after the title the 11 following:

12 'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the 13 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days 14 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

15 Whereas, it is necessary that the State Tax 16 Assessor take certain action pursuant to this 17 legislation prior to the expiration of the 90-day 18 period; and

19 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these 20 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the 21 Constitution of Maine and require the following 22 legislation as immediately necessary for the 23 preservation of the public peace, health and safety; 24 now, therefore,'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 26 2 in the last line (page 2, line 9 in L.D.) by 27 inserting after the underlined figure and punctuation 28 "1988." the following: 'The State Auditor shall verify 29 that the amount transferred and the process used to 30 issue rebate checks are reasonable.'

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1 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part 2 designated "<u>§6302.</u>" in subsection 2 in the 4th line 3 (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the 4 underlined word "by" and inserting in its place the 5 underlined word '<u>into</u>'

6 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§6303." in the 2nd paragraph in the last 7 line (page 4, line 1 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined figure and punctuation "1988." the following: 'All rebate checks issued and associated administrative costs known by September 1, 1988, are to be charged against the Tax Adjustment Reserve 8 9 10 11 12 Fund. Subsequent rebate checks will be accounted for 13 14 as any other income tax refund check would be. No 15 rebate check may be issued for any amount less than 16 \$2.'

17 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end 18 before the statement of fact the following:

19 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency 20 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when 21 approved.

FISCAL NOTE

Rebates and administrative costs authorized by this bill will be funded by the Tax Adjustment Reserve Fund, TARF. Any rebates issued after September 1, 1988, will not be charged against the Tax Adjustment Reserve Fund but will be reimbursed by the transfer of the Tax Adjustment Reserve Fund balance to the General Fund. The minimum amount available for this program will be \$17,000,000.'

31 STATEMENT OF FACT

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32 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an 33 emergency clause to the bill, makes technical 34 corrections, requires the State Auditor to verify the

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- 1 reasonableness of the process used to issue checks, limits the rebate to an amount greater than \$2 and
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- adds a fiscal note. 3

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