

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 15, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

Cosponsored by Representative GOULD of Greenville and President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act Concerning Collection of Excise Taxes from Unorganized
Territories.

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

3 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7502, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1987, c.
5 737, Pt. A, §2, and Pt. C, §106, is amended to read:

7 1. **Fund established.** There is established in each county,
9 one unorganized territory fund into which shall be credited all
11 receipts under Title 12, section 7824 and Title 36, sections
13 1489, 1489-A and 1606 and all other receipts which are allocated
15 for municipal services in the unorganized territory, and from
17 which all disbursements for municipal services in the unorganized
19 territory shall be made.

21 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1487, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL
23 1985, c. 459, Pt, C, §11, is amended to read:

25 2. **State Tax Assessor.** In the unorganized territory, the
27 State Tax Assessor shall appoint agents to collect the excise
29 tax. Agents shall be allowed a fee of \$2 for each tax receipt
31 issued and shall deposit the remainder, subject to section
33 1489-A, on or before the 20th day of each month following receipt
35 with the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall make
37 quarterly payments to each county in an amount which is equal to
39 the receipts for that period from each county. Those payments
41 shall be made at the same time as payments under section 1606.
43 County receipts under this section shall be deposited in the
county's unorganized territory fund.

29 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1489-A** is enacted to read:

31 §1489-A. Tax received on unorganized places

33 Any municipality in an unorganized place may retain 10% or
35 \$2, whichever is greater, of any excise tax collected in that
37 unorganized place.

37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

39 This bill allows municipalities in unorganized places to
41 retain 10% or \$2, whichever is greater, of any excise tax
43 collected in that unorganized place.