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House of Representatives, April 1, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAHANY of Easton. Cosponsored by Representative GRAY of Sedgwick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Increase Revenue to the State.



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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1811, first \P , as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 871, §16, is amended to read:

A tax is imposed on the value of all tangible personal property and taxable services sold at retail in this State. The rate of tax is 10% on the value of liquor sold in licensed establishments as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 15, in accordance with Title 28-A, chapter 43; 7% on the value of rental of living quarters in any hotel, rooming house, tourist or trailer camp and rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile and sales of food products subject to taxation in accordance with section 1760, subsection 3; and 5% 6% on the value of all other tangible personal property and taxable services. Value is measured by the sale price, except as otherwise provided.

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Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1812, sub-\$1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by
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PL 1987, c. 402, Pt. A, §181, is amended to read:

A. If the tax rate is 5% 6%:

26 \$0.01 to $\$0.16$, inclusive	Ο¢
.11 .06 to .20, inclusive	L¢
28 .21 to +40 .35, inclusive	2¢
$+41$ $\underline{.36}$ to $+60$ $\underline{.59}$, inclusive	3¢
70 $761 \underline{.60}$ to $780 \underline{.73}$, inclusive	1¢
$+81 \cdot .74$ to $1+90 \cdot .87$, inclusive	5¢
	5 <u>¢</u>

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1812, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 588, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

2. Several items. When several purchases are made together and at the same time, the tax shall must be computed on the total amount of the several items, except that purchases taxed at 5% 6%, 7% and 10% shall must be separately totaled.

Sec. 4. Repeal. This Act is repealed on July 1, 1993.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill raises sales taxes for a period of 2 years. The bill raises the sales tax to 6% and the meals tax to 7%.