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Presented by Representative MAHANY of Easton. Cosponsored by Representative DORE of Auburn and Representative GRAY of Sedgwick.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Establish an Income Tax Surcharge.

(EMERGENCY)

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 4 Whereas, operating revenues have declined rapidly in the past year; and 6 8 Whereas, additional revenue is needed immediately; and 10 Whereas, drastic but progressive methods must be implemented to overcome this situation; and 12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 16 safety; now, therefore, 18 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 20 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§5 is enacted to read: 22 5. Income tax surcharge. In addition to the tax 24 established by this section, there is imposed a tax surcharge of 15% of the amount of state tax liability due for any tax year that begins in 1991. 26 Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5163, as enacted by P&SL 1969, c. 154, Pt. 28 F, $\S1$, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read: 30 In addition to the tax established by this section, there is imposed a tax surcharge of 15% of the amount of state tax 32 liability due for any tax year that begins in 1991. .34 Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5176, sub-§1-A is enacted to read: 36 1-A. Income tax surcharge. In addition to the tax 38 established by this section, there is imposed a tax surcharge of 15% of the amount of state tax liability due for any tax year 40 <u>that begins in 1991.</u> 42 Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §5200, as amended by PL 1985, c. 675, §§1 and 5, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to 44 read: 46 In addition to the tax established by this section, there is imposed a tax surcharge of 15% of the amount of state tax 48 liability due for any tax year that begins in 1991.

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Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §5203, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

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4. Income tax surcharge. In addition to the tax
4 established by this section, there is imposed a tax surcharge of
15% of the amount of state tax liability due for any tax year
6 that begins in 1991.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an income tax surcharge on 16 individuals and a flat surcharge on corporations.

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