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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 92, L.D. 122, Bill, "An Act to Maintain the Integrity of Commodity Tax Accounts"

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

Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. WW, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. WW-2. Calculation; transfer. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount in sections 4 to 9 of this Part that applies against each General Fund, Highway Fund, Federal Expenditure, Other Special Revenue, internal service fund and enterprise fund account for all departments and agencies based on the total General Fund appropriations and various allocations to those accounts. The State Budget Officer shall cause the calculated amount to be transferred from each account, except that savings achieved in the Maine Blueberry Commission, the Maine Potato Board, the Maine Sardine Council, the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Lobster Promotion Council as a result of the reduced weekly work schedule may not be transferred and must remain available for other purposes.

Sec. 2. PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. WW, §7, under the caption "ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF," in that part relating to Departments and Agencies - Statewide, 3rd line is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Personal Services (\$1,330,009)

Sec. 3. PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. KKK, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. KKK-1. Calculation and transfer. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, the State Budget

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

Officer shall calculate the amount in sections 6 to 9 of this Part that applies against each General Fund, Other Special Revenue, enterprise or internal service fund account for all departments and agencies based on the total appropriations and allocations to those accounts, except for the following accounts: General Purpose Aid to Local Schools; Education in the Unorganized Territory; Debt Service - Treasury; Teacher Retirement; Aid to Families with Dependent Children; Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care; General Assistance; Maine Health Program; Intermediate Care - Payments to Providers; Medical Care - Payments to Providers; Bureau of Rehabilitation; and Bureau of Rehabilitation - Vocational Rehabilitation; Maine Blueberry Commission; Maine Potato Board; Maine Sardine Council; Maine Dairy Promotion Board; Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council; and Lobster Promotion Council. In addition, the amount of funds appropriated or allocated for higher education programs, grants to municipalities and schools and grants to public and private organizations are excepted from this calculation. The State Budget Officer shall cause the calculated amount to be transferred from each account.

**Sec. 4. PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. KKK, §7, under the caption "ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF," in that part relating to Departments and Agencies - Statewide, 2nd line is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

Unallocated (\$888,808)

**Sec. 5. Organizational study.** The Maine Blueberry Commission, the Maine Potato Board, the Maine Sardine Council, the Maine Dairy Promotion Board, the Maine Dairy and Nutrition Council and the Lobster Promotion Council shall conduct studies of their respective organizations that examine alternative models of organizing their functions in a way so as to maximize services to the populations each organization serves. Each organization shall analyze, at a minimum, the feasibility of separating entirely from State Government and continuing in State Government as a quasi-independent agency such that all employees would leave state service and become employees of their respective organizations. Each organization shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than January 4, 1994, with their findings and recommendations, including any draft legislation.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

1992-93

Revenues:

General Fund

(\$22,883)

The exemption of 6 commodity tax accounts from certain deallocations of funds specified in Public Law 1991, chapter 780, Parts WW and KKK will result in a loss of \$22,883 in undedicated General Fund revenues for fiscal year 1992-93. The cost of conducting each organizational study can be absorbed within the existing budgeted resources of each commodity account.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment clarifies that the 6 commodity accounts exempted in the bill are still subject to the reduced workweek schedule specified in Public Law 1991, chapter 780, Part WW but can retain the savings in their respective accounts. The amendment also requires the 6 commodity accounts to study the feasibility of reorganizing or restructuring and report their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by January 4, 1994. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.

Reported by the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs  
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