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House of Representatives, March 25, 1993

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Taxation of Workers' Compensation Self-insurers.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DiPIETRO of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: CARON of Biddeford, DUTREMBLE of Biddeford, PLOURDE of Biddeford, REED of Dexter, TARDY of Palmyra, VIGUE of Winslow.

_		Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2		Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5102, sub-§4, ¶C, as amended by PL 1991, c.
4		148, §1, is further amended to read:
6		C. A trust created by, or consisting of property of, a person domiciled in this State but excluding any trust or
8	· .	other funding mechanism authorized pursuant to Title 39-A,
,		section 403 to self-insure workers' compensation coverage; or
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		Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5102, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1985, c. 783,
12		§18, is further amended to read:
14		6. Corporation. "Corporation" means any business entity
	٠	subject to income taxation as a corporation under the laws of the
16	\$ £	United States, excepting corporations subject to tax under
		sections 2512 to 2522 and section 5206 and excepting any trust or
18		other funding mechanism authorized pursuant to Title 39-A,
20		section 403 to self-insure workers' compensation coverage.
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		STATEMENT OF FACT
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		Maine law requires that self-insurers fund self-insured
26		trusts to a financial level well beyond the break-even point.

These funds are intended to earn interest to pay claims. This interest income, otherwise intended to pay benefits to injured

employees, is subject to state and federal income taxation. This

bill removes the state income tax obligations on such funds.

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