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House of Representatives, April 12, 1993

An Act to Increase the Stability of the State Sales Tax.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative NADEAU of Saco.

Вe	it	enacted	by	the	Peop	le	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows	:
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Sec. 1. 36 MRSA \$1752, sub-\$3-B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 846, \$17, is repealed.

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Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§9-D is enacted to read:

- 9-D. Recreation and amusement services. "Recreation and 8 amusement services" means any admission fee, membership fee or 10 fee charged for the use of facilities or equipment that is paid to a retailer for the purpose of enjoying any amusement facility, 12 place of amusement or form of entertainment. For the purposes of this subsection, an admission fee is a price charged or specific 14 monetary contributions requested for entry into an event or for use of a facility, including membership charges or dues paid for 16 multiple admissions or continuous admission over a period of time. For the purposes of this subsection, amusement facilities, 18 places of amusement and forms of entertainment include but are not limited to the following: boat excursions, skiing, 20 sight-seeing, balloon rides, aircraft rides not including rides taken principally as a means of transporting passengers from one 22 location to another, rafting, shooting and archery ranges, golf, country clubs, museums, art exhibits, zoos, bowling alleys, motion picture theaters, commercial sports events, dance studios, 24 physical fitness facilities, amusement parks, sports and recreation clubs, theatrical performances, carnivals, circuses, 26 fairs, concerts, billiard tables and billiard halls, coin-operated amusement devices, aquariums, canoeing, historical 28 sites, night clubs, taverns, bottle clubs, dance halls and 30 racetracks.
- Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§17-A, ¶F, as amended by PL 1989, c. 533, §§2 and 14, is further amended to read:
 - F. Custom computer programming, including, but not limited to, modification of a standard program; and
- Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§17-A, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 533, §§3 and 14, is amended to read:
 - G. Rental of video tapes and video equipment; and
 - Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§17-A, ¶H is enacted to read:
 - H. Recreation and amusement services.
- Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c. 824, Pt. A, §73 is repealed.
- 50 Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§14 is repealed.
- Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§34, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 163, §4 is repealed.

Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §5219-I is enacted to read:

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	§5219-I. Food credit
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	A taxpayer not constituting an employing unit is allowed a
6	credit against the tax imposed by this Part equal to \$50 for each
	exemption to which the taxpayer is entitled for the taxable year
8	for federal income tax purposes, unless the taxpayer is claimed
	as a dependent by another taxpayer for federal income tax
LO	purposes. In no case may this credit reduce the state income tax
	to less than zero.
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	Sec. 10. Effective date. This Act takes effect on October 1,
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This bill stabilizes the state sales tax by expanding the
20	tax base to include items currently not taxed but believed to

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