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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
116TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 480, L.D. 1478, Bill, "An Act to Increase Tourism Visits and Tourism Revenues for the State"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the bill in section 2 by inserting at the end the following:

'3. Tourism Marketing and Development Fund. The Tourism Marketing and Development Fund is established within the Department of Economic and Community Development. The fund must be used for the development and administration of a tourism marketing and development strategy. All receipts of taxes pursuant to Title 36, section 1811, 3rd paragraph must be credited to the fund in an aggregate amount not to exceed the legislatively authorized allocations for fiscal year 1993-94 and fiscal year 1994-95. This subsection is repealed July 1, 1995.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1811, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. XX, §§1 and 2 and affected by §§7 and 8, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

For the period beginning July 1, 1993 and ending June 30, 1995, the State Tax Assessor shall transfer each month to the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund all receipts of taxes imposed pursuant to this section 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, 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 on the value of prepared food sold in establishments that are licensed for on-premises

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2 consumption of liquor pursuant to Title 28-A, chapter 43, less
3 transfers pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5, in
4 excess of the base General Fund revenue estimates effective July
5 1, 1993 for the previous month. The State Tax Assessor shall
6 reduce any subsequent transfers to the Tourism Marketing and
7 Development Fund by an amount equal to the amount of General Fund
8 revenues defined in this paragraph that are below the base
9 General Fund estimates effective July 1, 1993 for the previous
10 month. This paragraph is repealed July 1, 1995.

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12 **Sec. 4. Transition.** All unencumbered balances remaining in
13 the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund on June 30, 1995 lapse
14 to the General Fund to be credited as sales tax revenue pursuant
15 to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1811. All
16 balances of accrued encumbrances, expenditures, assets or
17 liabilities in the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund on June
18 30, 1995 must be transferred to the Office of Tourism program in
19 the General Fund by the State Controller upon the request of the
20 State Budget Officer and with the approval of the Governor. The
21 Department of Economic and Community Development, in cooperation
22 with the Bureau of the Budget, shall develop and present to the
23 First Regular Session of the 117th Legislature a report with
24 detailed recommendations for the long-term funding of tourism
25 marketing and development, including, but not limited to,
26 continuation as a current services General Fund appropriation or
27 as an Other Special Revenue allocation funded by a dedicated
28 source of revenue.

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30 **Sec. 5. Working capital advance.** The State Controller is
31 authorized to advance to the Department of Economic and Community
32 Development, Tourism Marketing and Development Fund \$2,200,000
33 from the General Fund unappropriated surplus on July 1, 1993.
34 Funds advanced for this purpose must be returned to the General
35 Fund no later than June 30, 1995.

36 **Sec. 6. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
37 Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1993-94	1994-95
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF		
Tourism Marketing and Development Fund		
All Other	\$2,867,682	\$3,117,682
Provides for the allocation of funds for the		

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implementation of the first 2
years of a 5-year tourism
marketing and development
strategy.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

	1993-94	1994-95
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
Other Funds	\$2,867,682	\$3,117,682
REVENUES		
Other Funds.	\$2,867,682	\$3,117,682

This bill establishes the Tourism Marketing and Development
Fund within the Department of Economic and Community Development
and provides allocations of Other Special Revenue of \$2,867,682
in fiscal year 1993-94 and \$3,117,682 in fiscal year 1994-95 from
revenue identified by the State Tax Assessor as being in excess
of base General Fund revenue estimates. The amounts of revenue
that may be transferred to this fund are capped at the
established allocation levels. This dedication of certain taxes
will reduce unbudgeted General Fund revenue in fiscal years
1993-94 and 1994-95.

The bill additionally authorizes a working capital advance
of \$2,200,000 to the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund,
which must be repaid to the General Fund by June 30, 1995.

The State Tax Assessor can absorb the costs related to the
transfers of certain tax revenues above baseline estimates and
making adjustments to subsequent transfers when revenue
collections fall below baseline estimates.

The Department of Economic and Community Development can
absorb the costs related to developing a marketing and
development strategy for tourism and the administration of the
strategy utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment provides that any incremental revenues above
baseline projections in restaurant and lodging revenues will be
transferred to the Tourism Marketing and Development Fund
established in this amendment.

(Senator HARRIMAN)
SPONSORED BY: 
COUNTY: Cumberland

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