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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 585, L.D. 1748, Bill, "An Act to Modernize Maine's Fuel Tax Laws"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 13 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 13. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Highway Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Revenue Services

Positions - Legislative Count	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$29,660
All Other	14,835

Provides funds for a Revenue Agent position and related administrative expenses to perform desk audits of fuel tax reports.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES
TOTAL

\$44,495'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

2 **FISCAL NOTE**

4 **1998-99**

6 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

8 Highway Fund \$44,495

10 **REVENUES**

12 Highway Fund \$50,000

14 This bill will increase fuel tax collections through
16 additional reporting requirements and audit assessments. The
18 estimated increases of Highway Fund revenue will be \$50,000 in
20 fiscal year 1998-99, \$750,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and
22 \$757,500 in fiscal year 2000-01. This bill will also increase
undedicated General Fund revenue, General Fund revenue collected
by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and dedicated
revenue collected by the Department of Conservation by minor
amounts.

24 The Bureau of Revenue Services will require an additional
26 Revenue Agent position, to perform desk audits. In addition to
the position-related costs, estimated to be \$44,495 in fiscal
28 year 1998-99 and approximately \$43,557 annually beginning in
fiscal year 1999-2000, the bureau will require a new information
30 system to produce the amount of revenue projected above. The
estimated cost of this information system may be as much as
32 \$350,000 in fiscal year 1998-99. This bill includes a Highway
Fund allocation of \$44,495 in fiscal year 1998-99 to fund the
34 additional position and related administrative expenses. The
Bureau of Revenue Services plans to use its authority under the
36 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 113 to fund the cost of
the information system out of the additional revenue generated as
38 a result of a contract to implement the information system. The
revenue estimate in fiscal year 1998-99 is adjusted downward to
reflect the netting-out of the cost of the information system.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates the Principal Revenue Agent position, adjusts the allocation section and replaces the fiscal note.

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