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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1352, L.D. 1898, Bill, "An Act to Discourage Smoking by Maine's Youth"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

**Sec. 5. Task force established.** The Task Force to Recommend Health Care Initiatives, referred to in this section as the "task force," is established in accordance with the following:

**1. Membership.** The task force consists of 10 members as follows:

A. The Governor shall appoint 5 members, 2 of whom must represent the Bureau of Taxation, one of whom must represent the Maine Children's Alliance and 2 of whom must be members of the public;

B. The President of the Senate shall appoint 3 Legislators, 2 of whom must be members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and one of whom must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs; and

C. The Speaker of the House shall appoint 2 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

**2. Appointments; first meeting; chair.** All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their appointments. The Chair of the Legislative Council shall call

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2 the task force together for its first meeting no later than  
3 October 7, 1997. At the first meeting, the task force shall  
4 select a chair from among its legislative members.

6 **3. Duties.** The task force shall study existing health care  
7 needs and make recommendations on ways to address those needs  
8 using revenue derived from the increased cigarette tax  
9 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section  
10 4365-D. Specifically, the task force shall review:

12 A. The costs and implications of implementing a low-cost  
13 prescription drug card program for elderly citizens of the  
14 State; and

16 B. The costs and implications of providing health care to  
17 uninsured children up to 18 years of age whose net family  
18 income does not exceed 85% of the federal poverty guidelines.

20 As part of its study, the task force shall develop a proposal to  
21 fund these initiatives using a portion of the revenue raised by  
22 the increased cigarette tax established in Title 36, section  
23 4365-D that is not specifically allocated to support the Tobacco  
24 Prevention and Control Program.

26 **4. Compensation.** The members of the task force who are  
27 Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as  
28 defined in Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and  
29 other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the task  
30 force. Other members are not entitled to compensation or  
31 reimbursement of expenses.

32 **5. Meetings.** The task force may meet no more than 4 times.

34 **6. Report.** The task force shall submit its report,  
35 including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint  
36 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than  
37 January 1, 1998. The committee may report out legislation based  
38 on the report of the task force.'

40 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 6 and  
41 inserting in its place the following:

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

46 1997-98 1998-99

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49 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2  | <b>Tax Relief Fund for Maine</b>      |                   |                   |
| 4  | <b>Residents</b>                      |                   |                   |
| 6  | Unallocated                           | \$14,582,186      | \$27,275,864      |
| 8  | Provides funds for the Tax            |                   |                   |
| 10 | Relief Fund for Maine                 |                   |                   |
| 12 | Residents. These funds may            |                   |                   |
|    | not be utilized for any               |                   |                   |
|    | purpose without specific              |                   |                   |
|    | legislative authorization.            |                   |                   |
| 14 | <b>DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE</b>   |                   |                   |
|    | <b>AND FINANCIAL SERVICES</b>         |                   |                   |
| 16 | <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <u>14,582,186</u> | <u>27,275,864</u> |
| 18 | <b>HUMAN SERVICES,</b>                |                   |                   |
| 20 | <b>DEPARTMENT OF</b>                  |                   |                   |
| 22 | <b>Bureau of Health</b>               |                   |                   |
| 24 | All Other                             | 3,500,000         | 3,500,000         |
| 26 | Provides funds to support the         |                   |                   |
| 28 | Tobacco Prevention and                |                   |                   |
|    | Control Program.                      |                   |                   |
| 30 | <b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>   |                   |                   |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <u>3,500,000</u>  | <u>3,500,000</u>  |
| 32 | <b>LEGISLATURE</b>                    |                   |                   |
| 34 | <b>Task Force to Recommend Health</b> |                   |                   |
| 36 | <b>Care Initiatives</b>               |                   |                   |
| 38 | Personal Services                     | 1,100             |                   |
| 40 | All Other                             | 1,500             |                   |
| 42 | Provides funds for the per            |                   |                   |
| 44 | diem and expenses of                  |                   |                   |
| 46 | legislative members and               |                   |                   |
| 48 | miscellaneous costs,                  |                   |                   |
|    | including printing of the             |                   |                   |
|    | Task Force to Recommend               |                   |                   |
|    | Health Care Initiatives.              |                   |                   |
| 50 | <b>LEGISLATURE</b>                    |                   |                   |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <u>2,600</u>      |                   |

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**TOTAL  
ALLOCATIONS**

\$18,084,786      \$30,775,864'

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Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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This amendment provides an Other Special Revenue allocation to the Legislature of \$2,600 in fiscal year 1997-98 for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Task Force to Recommend Health Care Initiatives. It also increases the allocations for smoking prevention by \$1,000,000 per year and reduces the allocations to the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents by \$1,002,600 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 1998-99, resulting in no net change to the total Other Special Revenue allocations contained in the bill.

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The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the task force can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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The Bureau of Taxation will incur some minor additional costs to participate as a member of the task force. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.

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**SUMMARY**

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SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative BROOKS)

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TOWN: Winterport

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