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118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "T" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397, L.D. 1950, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"

Amend the amendment in Part T by striking out all of section 5.

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Part GG.

Further amend the amendment in Part HH by striking out all of sections 1 and 2.

Further amend the amendment in Part NN by striking out all of section 2.

Further amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDD the following:

PART EEE

Sec. EEE-1. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§3-B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 846, §17, is further amended to read:

3-B. Grocery staples. "Grocery staples" means food products ordinarily consumed for human nourishment and includes, but is not limited to, cereals and grain products, including bread, rolls and unflavored matzo; milk and milk products; oleomargarine; meat and meat products; fish and seafood products; poultry; eggs and egg products; vegetables and vegetable products, including pickles; fruit and fruit products, including

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2 fruit juices and fruit sauces; naturally flavored powdered or
liquid drink mixes or drinks; spices, condiments, including jams,
4 jellies and peanut butter, salt and sugar; coffee and tea; and
unroasted nuts.

6 "Grocery staples" does not include spirituous, malt or vinous
liquors; soft drinks, iced tea, sodas or beverages such as are
8 ordinarily dispensed at bars or soda fountains or in connection
with bars or soda fountains; medicines, tonics, vitamins and
10 preparations in liquid, powdered, granular, tablet, capsule,
lozenge or pill form, sold as dietary supplements or adjuncts,
12 except when sold on the prescription of a physician; water,
including mineral bottled and carbonated waters and ice; dietary
14 substitutes; ~~snaek-feed~~; candy and confections, chewing gum, ice
cream novelties; frozen confections; and prepared food.

16 **Sec. EEE-2. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§14-C**, as enacted by PL 1991,
18 c. 591, Pt. WW, §2 and affected by §4, is repealed.

20 **Sec. EEE-3. 36 MRSA §5126, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
22 24, Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

24 A For income tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998
but before January 1, 1999, a resident individual is allowed
26 \$2,100 \$2,400 for each exemption to which the individual is
entitled for the taxable year for federal income tax purposes,
unless the taxpayer is claimed as a dependent on another return.
28 No For income tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999, a
resident individual is allowed \$2,750 for each exemption to which
30 the individual is entitled for the taxable year for federal
income tax purposes, unless the taxpayer is claimed as a
32 dependent on another return. An additional exemption may-be is
not allowed for taxpayers over 65 years of age or blind. The
34 nominal-dollar-amount-of-this-section-is-subject-to-adjustment
pursuant-to-Title-5,-section-1518.

36 **Sec. EEE-4. 36 MRSA §5126, 2nd ¶**, as enacted by PL 1997, c.
38 24, Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

40 For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999 2000,
the nominal dollar amount of this section is also subject to
42 annual adjustment by multiplying it by the percentage adjustment
factor defined in section 5402, subsection 2 and rounded down to
44 the nearest \$50. If any adjustment is made pursuant to this
paragraph, it is effective for the current taxable year and is
46 incorporated into the income tax forms and instructions of the
State Tax Assessor for that taxable year.

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2 **Sec. EEE-5. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, ¶A-1**, as amended by PL
1997, c. 557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further
4 amended to read:

6 A-1. Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that
exceeds ~~4%~~ 2% but does not exceed 8% of income plus 100%
8 of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds ~~8%~~ 6% of
income to a maximum payment of \$1,000.

10 **Sec. EEE-6. 36 MRSA §6207, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c.
557, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. G, §1, is further amended to
12 read:

14 **2. Income eligibility.** Single-member households with
household incomes in excess of \$25,700 \$40,000 and households
16 with 2 or more members with a household income in excess of
\$40,000 \$60,000 are not eligible for a benefit.

18 **Sec. EEE-7. Application.** That section of this Part that
20 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5111 applies
to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998.

22 **Sec. EEE-8. Effective date.** That section of this Part that
24 amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1752,
subsection 3-B and that section of this Part that repeals Title
26 36, section 1752, subsection 14-C take effect January 1, 1998.

28 **PART FFF**

30 **Sec. FFF-1. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding the Maine
32 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of
law, the State Controller is authorized to transfer \$47,051,828
34 from the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents to the General Fund
unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 1998-99.

36 **Sec. FFF-2. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding the Maine
38 Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of
law, the State Controller is authorized to transfer \$29,865,165
40 from the Tobacco Tax Relief Fund to the General Fund
unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 1998-99.

42 **Sec. FFF-3. Appropriation.** The following funds are
44 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this Part.

46
48 **1998-99**

50 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

2 **Maine Resident Property Tax Program**

4 All Other \$33,544,669

6 Provides funds for expanded benefits under
the circuit breaker program.'

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PART GGG

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12 **Sec. GGG-1. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1993, c.
675, Pt. B, §9, is repealed.

14 **Sec. GGG-2. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§§4-A and 4-B** are enacted to
read:

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18 **4-A. Law enforcement officer services, reimbursement and**
compensation. The court shall reimburse or compensate
20 municipalities and counties for law enforcement officer services
as follows.

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24 A. The court shall reimburse the municipality or county
that employs the law enforcement officer a flat fee of \$40
for each day or part of a day that a law enforcement officer
is physically present for a scheduled trial in District
Court, whether or not the officer is called upon to give
testimony.

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30 B. The court shall pay a municipality or county a flat fee
of \$40 for each day or part of a day that a municipal or
county law enforcement officer, designated by the
municipality or county as its court officer, is physically
present in a District Court in order to adequately handle
that municipality's or county's case load.

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38 The court officer required to be present at an arraignment
may be an officer other than the arresting officer if the
municipality or county has designated the officer to handle
the arraignment case load of that municipality or county.
In addition, one or more municipalities may designate either
a municipal law enforcement officer or a county law
enforcement officer to represent the municipalities at
arraignments.

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46 C. The sheriffs of the several counties shall designate and
furnish deputy sheriffs to serve as bailiffs in each
division of the District Court within their counties if
requested by the Chief Judge. A deputy sheriff designated
as bailiff must be approved by the Chief Judge and may not
serve as a court officer for any law enforcement agency.

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2 Compensation for reasonable and necessary expenses, as
 agreed to by the parties, must be paid by the District Court.

4 In a municipality where a police officer has been furnished
 to serve as a bailiff, the Chief Judge may continue to
6 authorize the use of a police officer as a bailiff and the
 District Court shall compensate the municipality. A person
8 appointed to serve as bailiff may not serve as court officer
 for a municipal police department as provided in this
10 subsection.

12 4-B. Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund. The Law
 Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund is established as a
14 nonlapsing, dedicated fund within the Administrative Office of
 the Courts.

16 A. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall use the
 fund to reimburse municipalities and counties pursuant to
18 subsection 4-A.

20 B. Eight percent of fines and forfeitures collected for
 traffic infractions must be deposited in the fund as
22 provided in Title 29-A, section 2602, subsection 4,
 paragraph A.

24 C. The balance remaining in the fund at the end of the
 fiscal year must be transferred to the General Fund.

26 D. If there is a deficit in the fund at the end of the
 fiscal year, the Treasurer of State shall transfer a
28 sufficient amount from the General Fund to balance the fund.

30 Sec. GGG-3. 29-A MRSA §2602, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993,
 c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the
32 following enacted in its place:

34 4. Fines. Except as otherwise provided in this Title,
 fines and forfeitures collected under this Title accrue to the
36 General Fund, except that:

38 A. Nine and one half percent of fines and forfeitures
 collected for all traffic infractions, including fines and
40 forfeitures collected for traffic infractions under section
42 561, accrues to the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement
44 Fund established in Title 4, section 173, subsection 4-B.
46 This paragraph does not apply to sections 525, 1767 and 2363;

48 B. Of the fines and forfeitures collected for traffic
 infractions under sections 511, 2356, 2360, 2380, 2387 and
50 2388, 3 1/2% accrues to the General Fund, 9 1/2% accrues to

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2 the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund and the
balance accrues to the General Highway Fund; and

4 C. Of the fines and forfeitures collected for violations
other than traffic infractions under sections 511, 2356,
6 2360, 2380, 2387 and 2388, only \$5 or 13%, whichever is
greater, accrues to the General Fund and the balance accrues
8 to the Highway Fund.

10 **Sec. GGG-4. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL
1997, c. 392, §1, is further amended to read:

12 B. The municipal officers may regulate the operation of all
14 vehicles in the public ways and on publicly owned property.

16 (1) The violation of any ordinance authorized by this
18 paragraph is a civil violation.

20 (2) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an
22 ordinance authorized by this paragraph that is the same
24 as or conflicts with any speed or other traffic control
26 limits imposed by the Department of Transportation
pursuant to Title 29-A. ~~This subparagraph is repealed
90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session
of the 118th Legislature.~~

Sec. GGG-5. Appropriation. The following funds are
28 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
30 this Part.

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32 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

34 **Courts, Supreme, Superior,**
36 **District and Administrative**

38 All Other (\$172,526)

40 Deappropriates funds no
42 longer needed to pay court
officers and court witnesses
44 from this account.

46 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

TOTAL

(172,526)

48 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**
50 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Public Improvements - Planning -
Construction - Administration**

2		
4	Positions - Legislative Count	(-1,000)
	Personal Services	(74,000)
6	All Other	(5,000)
	Capital Expenditures	(3,500)
8		
	TOTAL	<hr/> (82,500)

10
12 Deappropriates funds as an
14 offset to an appropriation in
16 Part S, section 1 of this
18 Act. Approximately \$41,250
in General Fund revenue in
fiscal year 1998-99 will not
be realized.

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES
TOTAL**

(82,500)

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT
OF THE**

District Attorneys - Salaries

28	Positions - Legislative Count	(-4,000)
	Personal Services	(190,000)
30		
	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part A, section 1.	

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL
TOTAL**

(190,000)

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Office of Tourism

42		
	Positions - Legislative Count	(-1,000)
44	Personal Services	(62,551)
46		
	Deappropriates funds for one Policy Development Specialist 48 position within the Office of Tourism.	
50		

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**Administration - Economic and Community
Development**

4	Personal Services	(17,371)
	All Other	(10,000)
6		
	TOTAL	<hr/> (27,371)

8
10 Deappropriates funds to
12 upgrade one Development
14 Project Officer position to a
16 Development Program Manager
18 position for improved
20 administration, outreach
management and oversight of
the tax increment financing,
employment tax increment
financing and other incentive
programs plus all other costs.

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TOTAL**

(89,922)

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Administration - Environmental
Protection**

30	Positions - Legislative Count	(-1,000)
32	Personal Services	(67,250)
	All Other	(5,000)
34		
	TOTAL	<hr/> (72,250)

36
38 Provides for deappropriation
40 of funds through the transfer
42 of the Director, Office of
44 Innovation and Assistance
46 position and related cost
from the Remediation and
Waste Management program,
Other Special Revenue to
minimize fees needed to
continue the program.

Land and Water Quality

50	Positions - Legislative Count	(-4,000)
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2	Personal Services	(207,126)
	All Other	(48,874)
4	TOTAL	<hr/> (256,000)

6 Provides for the
 8 deappropriation of funds
 through the transfer of one
 10 Biologist I position, one
 Biologist III position and
 12 one Environmental Specialist
 IV position and related cost
 from the Maine Environmental
 14 Protection Fund program,
 Other Special Revenue to
 16 continue licensing at the
 current level and one
 18 Environmental Specialist IV
 position and related cost
 20 from the Performance
 Partnership Fund program,
 22 Federal Expenditures Fund to
 support wastewater treatment
 24 plant operator training.

26 **Remediation and Waste**
 28 **Management**

28	Positions - Legislative Count	(-2,000)
30	Personal Services	(83,234)
	All Other	(5,500)
32	TOTAL	<hr/> (88,734)

34 Provides for the
 36 deappropriation of funds
 through the transfer of one
 38 Oil & Hazardous Materials
 Specialist I position and one
 40 Planning and Research
 Assistant position and
 42 related cost from the
 Performance Partnership Fund
 44 program, Federal Expenditures
 Fund to ensure continued
 46 compliance with the State's
 PCB program due to a loss of
 48 federal funds.

50 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL**

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2	PROTECTION		
	TOTAL		(416,984)
4	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
6	Student Financial Assistance Programs		
8	All Other		(4,000,000)
10	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part HH.		
12			
14	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
	TOTAL		(4,000,000)
16	MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
18	Division of Administrative Services		
20			
22	Positions - Legislative Count	(-1,000)	(-1,000)
	Personal Services	(13,295)	(55,526)
24	All Other	(7,000)	(12,500)
	Capital Expenditures	(5,000)	
26	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part A, section 1.		
28			
30	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES		
	TOTAL	(25,295)	(68,026)
32	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
34	State Police		
36			
38	Positions - Legislative Count		(-4,000)
	Personal Services		(49,755)
40	All Other		(41,289)
	Capital Expenditures		(66,801)
42	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part A, section 1.		
44			
46	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY		
	TOTAL		(157,845)
48	MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		
50			

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2 **Maine Technical College System -**
 3 **Board of Trustees**

4 All Other (3,000,000)

6 Deappropriates funds as an
 8 offset to Part FF.

10 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**
 11 **MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM**

12 **TOTAL** (3,000,000)

14 **SECTION**

15 **TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS** (25,295) (8,177,803)

16 **Sec. GGG-6. Appropriation.** The following funds are
 18 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
 20 this Part.

21 **1997-98** **1998-99**

22 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Magnet Schools**

26 All Other \$50,000 \$100,000

28 Provides funding for the
 30 Maine School of Science and
 32 Mathematics.

34 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,**
 35 **DEPARTMENT OF**

36 **Land and Water Quality**

38 All Other 6,000,000

40 Provides funds for the
 42 construction of water
 44 pollution control facilities
 providing the state match for
 \$10,000,000 in federal funds.

46 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL**
 47 **PROTECTION**

48 **TOTAL** 6,000,000

50 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

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2	Land for Maine's Future Fund	
4	All Other	3,000,000
6	Provides funds for	
8	acquisitions that will be	
10	targeted to sites with	
12	outstanding recreational,	
14	scenic, natural or wildlife	
16	values in accordance with the	
18	policies and criteria	
20	developed by the Land for	
22	Maine's Future Board. These	
	funds will be matched with at	
	least \$1,500,000 in public	
	and private funding. Up to	
	20% of this appropriation	
	must be expended for farmland	
	preservation, as determined	
	by the Land for Maine's	
	Future Board.	
24	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT	
26	TOTAL	<u>3,000,000</u>
28	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
30	Maine Public Drinking Water Control	
32	Program	
34	All Other	3,000,000
36	Provides funds for the	
38	construction of drinking	
40	water system improvements for	
42	public water supplies	
44	providing the state match for	
46	\$15,000,000 in federal funds.	
48	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	
50	TOTAL	<u>3,000,000</u>
	MAINE STATE LIBRARY	
	Library Resource Sharing	
	and Support	
	All Other	1,200,000

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2 Provides funds to support
public libraries and to help
4 fund library resource
sharing. These funds are
nonlapsing.

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8 **Reader and Information
Services - Library**

10 All Other 200,000

12 Provides funds to increase the Maine State
14 Library's acquisition budget for the
purchase of library materials.

16 **MAINE STATE LIBRARY**
18 **TOTAL** 1,400,000

20 **MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING
CORPORATION**

22 **Maine Public Broadcasting
Corporation**

24 All Other 2,000,000

26 Provides funds to assist the
28 Maine Public Broadcasting
Corporation with the
30 federally mandated conversion
to digital broadcasting.

32 **MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING
CORPORATION**
34 **TOTAL** 2,000,000

36 **SECTION**
38 **TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS** 50,000 15,500,000

40 **Sec. GGG-7. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated
42 from the Highway Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998
and June 30, 1999 to carry out the purposes of this Part.

44 **1998-99**

46 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

48 **State Police**

50 Personal Services (\$74,633)
All Other (61,933)

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2	Capital Expenditures	(100,202)
4	Deallocates funds as an offset to Part A, section 2.	

6	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC	
	SAFETY	
8	TOTAL	<hr/> 236,768

10	SECTION	
12	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	<hr/> 236,768

14 **Sec. GGG-8. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated
from the Federal Expenditures Fund for the fiscal years ending
16 June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999 to carry out the purposes of this
Part.

18 **1998-99**

20	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,	
	DEPARTMENT OF	
22	Performance Partnership Grant	
24		
26	Positions - Legislative Count	(-3,000)
	Personal Services	(143,787)
	All Other	(21,587)
28	TOTAL	<hr/> (165,374)

30 Provides for the deallocation
32 of funds through the
elimination of one
34 Environmental Specialist IV
position, one Planning and
36 Research Assistant position
and one Oil & Hazardous
38 Materials Specialist I
position.

40	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	
42	TOTAL	<hr/> (165,374)

44 **Sec. GGG-9. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated
46 from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Part.

48 **1998-99**

50 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

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2 **Law Enforcement Agency**
3 **Reimbursement Fund**

4 All Other \$734,103

6 Allocates funds to authorize expenditures
7 from the Law Enforcement Agency
8 Reimbursement Fund to reimburse municipal
9 and county law enforcement officers who
10 serve as court officers and witnesses at a
11 rate of \$40 per day.

12 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

13 **TOTAL** 734,103

14 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,**
15 **DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Maine Environmental Protection Fund**

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20 Positions - Legislative Count (-3,000)

21 Personal Services (146,576)

22 All Other (78,123)

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24 **TOTAL** (224,699)

25 Provides for the deallocation
26 of funds through the
27 elimination of one Biologist
28 I position, and Biologist III
29 position and one
30 Environmental Specialist IV
31 position and related costs.

32 **Remediation and Waste Management**

33

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36 Positions - Legislative Count (-1,000)

37 Personal Services (67,250)

38 All Other (5,860)

39

40 **TOTAL** (73,110)

41 Provides for the deallocation
42 of funds through the
43 elimination of one Director,
44 Office of Innovation and
45 Assistance position and
46 related costs.

47 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL**

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2 **TOTAL** (297,809)

4 **SECTION**

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$436,294'

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

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

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14 This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the
amendment by \$75,295 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$937,729 in
fiscal year 1998-99.

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment repeals the snack tax, effective January 1,
1999, but leaves intact the taxation of those items that were
22 taxable prior to the enactment of the snack tax.

24 This amendment also increases the individual income tax
personal exemption in a 2-step process in an attempt to conform
26 with the federal individual income tax personal exemption.

28 This amendment expands the circuit breaker program in 2
ways. First, the tax to income thresholds are reduced from 4%
30 and 8% to 2% and 6%, respectively. Second, the income thresholds
are increased in program year 1998 from \$26,400 for singles and
32 \$41,100 for joint filers to \$40,000 and \$60,000, respectively.

34 This amendment funds the repeal of the snack tax, the
expansion of the circuit breaker program and the increase in the
36 personal exemption with funding from 2 tax relief funds
established by the 118th Legislature.

38 This amendment also contains the legislative recommendations
40 of the Working Group on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and
Reimbursement. The Part addresses reimbursement for municipal
42 and county law enforcement agencies whose officers are required
to be present in District Court as well as the moratorium on
44 local traffic ordinances enacted in Public Law 1997, chapter 392.

46 The law authorizing municipalities to designate a law
enforcement officer as the court officer to handle arraignments
48 is reworded but retained. The reimbursement to the municipality
or county supplying the court officer is increased from \$10 a day
50 to \$40 a day.

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2 The court reimbursement rate for municipal law enforcement
3 officers who are required to appear in court is \$10 a day. This
4 bill increases the reimbursement to \$40 a day, adds county law
5 enforcement officers, clarifies that the reimbursement is paid to
6 the municipality or county and clarifies that the reimbursement
7 is \$40 regardless of whether the officer is appearing during
8 regular working hours, while off duty or while working overtime.
9 The working group arrived at the figure of \$40 a day after
10 reviewing current municipal costs for officers appearing in court.

12 This Part creates a separate fund out of which the
13 Administrative Office of the Courts shall pay the reimbursements
14 to the municipalities and counties. Nine and one half percent of
15 all traffic infraction revenue will be deposited in the fund. At
16 the end of each fiscal year, 5% of the amount of revenue from
17 traffic infraction fines accrue to the General Fund and the
18 balance accrues to the Highway Fund. If there is a deficit in
19 the fund, a transfer will be made from the General Fund.

20 This Part repeals the sunset on the new law prohibiting
21 municipalities from adopting ordinances that are the same as or
22 conflict with the state laws governing speed and other traffic
23 control limits. The Part makes the explicit prohibition
24 permanent.

26 This amendment also eliminates certain positions in the
27 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, the Attorney
28 General's Office, the Department of Economic and Community
29 Development, the Department of Environmental Protection and the
30 Department of Public Safety.

32 This amendment also eliminates the \$100,000 appropriation to
33 the University of Maine at Fort Kent for the construction and
34 relocation of a facility for forestry and environmental programs.

36 The amendment also eliminates supplemental funding of the
37 Maine Student Incentive Scholarship Program and the Maine
38 Technical College System's capital request.

40 It provides supplemental funding for the Magnet School, the
41 State's libraries, water pollution control facilities, drinking
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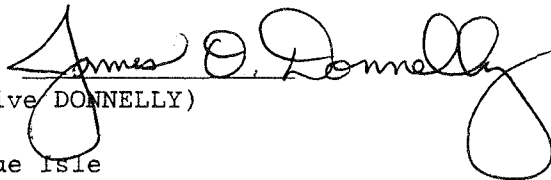
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