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10	STATE OF MAINE SENATE
	118TH LEGISLATURE
12	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3.6	SENATE AMENDMENT "Y" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
16	1397, L.D. 1950, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State
18	Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary
20	to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999"
20	Ending dune 30, 1996 and dune 30, 1999
22	Amend the amendment in Part T by striking out all of section 5.
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	Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Part GG.
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28	Further amend the amendment in Part HH by striking out all of sections 1 and 2.
3.0	Further amend the amendment in Part NN by striking out all
	of section 2.
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2.4	Further amend the amendment by inserting after Part DDD the
34	following:
36	PART EEE
38	Sec. EEE-1. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§3-B, as amended by PL 1991,
40	c. 846, §17, is further amended to read:
10	3-B. Grocery staples. "Grocery staples" means food
42	products ordinarily consumed for human nourishment and includes, but is not limited to, cereals and grain products, including
44	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;
46	poultry; eggs and egg products; vegetables and vegetable
	products, including pickles; fruit and fruit products, including

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	fruit juices and fruit sauces; naturally flavored powdered or
2	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; smaek-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, $\S 2$ and affected by $\S 4$, is repealed.
20	Sec. EEE-3. 36 MRSA $\S5126$, first \P , as amended by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. E, $\S2$, is further amended to read:
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24	A For income tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1998 but before January 1, 1999, a resident individual is allowed
2.6	\$2,100 \$2,400 for each exemption to which the individual is
26	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

Sec. EEE-4. 36 MRSA $\S5126$, 2nd \P , as enacted by PL 1997, c. 24, Pt. E, $\S2$, is amended to read:

income tax purposes, unless the taxpayer is claimed as a

dependent on another return. An additional exemption may-be is

nominal-dollar-amount-of-this-section-is-subject-to-adjustment

not allowed for taxpayers over 65 years of age or blind.

pursuant-to-Title-5,-section-1518.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1999 2000, the nominal dollar amount of this section is also subject to annual adjustment by multiplying it by the percentage adjustment factor defined in section 5402, subsection 2 and rounded down to the nearest \$50. If any adjustment is made pursuant to this paragraph, it is effective for the current taxable year and is 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 amended to read:
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6	A-1. Fifty percent of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds -4% but does not exceed 8% of income plus 100% of that portion of the benefit base that exceeds -8% of
8	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 $\$49,999$ $\$60,000$ 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	Sec. FFF-3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.
46	1998-99
48	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES,
50	DEPARTMENT OF

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Maine Resident Property Tax Program

4	All Other \$33,544,669
6	Provides funds for expanded benefits under the circuit breaker program.'
8	PART GGG
10	Sec. GGG-1. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1993, c.
12	675, Pt. B, §9, is repealed.
14	Sec. GGG-2. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§§4-A and 4-B are enacted to read:
16	
	4-A. Law enforcement officer services, reimbursement and
18	compensation. The court shall reimburse or compensate
	municipalities and counties for law enforcement officer services
20	as follows.
22	A. The court shall reimburse the municipality or county that employs the law enforcement officer a flat fee of \$40
24	for each day or part of a day that a law enforcement officer
	is physically present for a scheduled trial in District
26	Court, whether or not the officer is called upon to give testimony.
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	B. The court shall pay a municipality or county a flat fee
30	of \$40 for each day or part of a day that a municipal or
	county law enforcement officer, designated by the
32	municipality or county as its court officer, is physically
	present in a District Court in order to adequately handle
34	that municipality's or county's case load.
36	The court officer required to be present at an arraignment
30	may be an officer other than the arresting officer if the
38	municipality or county has designated the officer to handle
	the arraignment case load of that municipality or county.
40	In addition, one or more municipalities may designate either
	a municipal law enforcement officer or a county law
42	enforcement officer to represent the municipalities at
	arraignments.
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	C. The sheriffs of the several counties shall designate and
46	furnish deputy sheriffs to serve as bailiffs in each
4.0	division of the District Court within their counties if
48	requested by the Chief Judge. A deputy sheriff designated
	as pailitt must be approved by the Chiet Judge and may not

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serve as a court officer for any law enforcement agency.

	L.D. 1950	
2	Compensation for reasonable and necessary expenses, a 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	
6	authorize the use of a police officer as a bailiff and the District Court shall compensate the municipality. A person	<u>1e</u>
8	appointed to serve as bailiff may not serve as court office for a municipal police department as provided in the	r
10	subsection.	
12	4-B. Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund. The La Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund is established as	
14	nonlapsing, dedicated fund within the Administrative Office of the Courts.	
16		
	A. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall use the	
18	<u>fund to reimburse municipalities and counties pursuant to subsection 4-A.</u>	:0
20	Subsection 4-A.	
	B. Eight percent of fines and forfeitures collected for	r
22	traffic infractions must be deposited in the fund a	
24	provided in Title 29-A, section 2602, subsection	
24	paragraph A.	
26	C. The balance remaining in the fund at the end of the	<u>ıe</u>
	fiscal year must be transferred to the General Fund.	
28	D. If there is a deficit in the fund of the end of the	
30	D. If there is a deficit in the fund at the end of the fiscal year, the Treasurer of State shall transfer	
	sufficient amount from the General Fund to balance the fund	
32		
	Sec. GGG-3. 29-A MRSA §2602, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993	
34	c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is repealed and the	16
36	following enacted in its place:	
30	4. Fines. Except as otherwise provided in this Title	٠.
38	fines and forfeitures collected under this Title accrue to the	
	General Fund, except that:	
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	A. Nine and one half percent of fines and forfeiture	
42	collected for all traffic infractions, including fines an	
44	forfeitures collected for traffic infractions under section 561, accrues to the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement	
	Fund established in Title 4, section 173, subsection 4-	
46	This paragraph does not apply to sections 525, 1767 and 236	
/i 0	P Of the fines and forfaitures callegted for traff	
48	B. Of the fines and forfeitures collected for traffinfractions under sections 511, 2356, 2360, 2380, 2387 at	

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2388, 3 1/2% accrues to the General Fund, 9 1/2% accrues to

	the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund and the
2	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	•
14	B. The municipal officers may regulate the operation of all vehicles in the public ways and on publicly owned property.
16	(1) The violation of any ordinance authorized by this paragraph is a civil violation.
18	
20	(2) A municipality may not adopt or enforce an ordinance authorized by this paragraph that is the same as or conflicts with any speed or other traffic control
22	limits imposed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Title 29-A. This-subparagraph-is-repealed
24	90-days-after-adjournment-of-the-Second-Regular-Session of-the-118th-Legislature.
26	Sec. GGG-5. Appropriation. The following funds are
28	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.
30	1998-99
32	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
34	County Communication
36	Courts, Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative
38	All Other (\$172,526)
40	Deappropriates funds no
42	longer needed to pay court officers and court witnesses
	from this account.
44	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
46	TOTAL (172,526)
48	ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
	CERTALLIAN TO THE PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY OF

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	L.D. 1950	AMENDMENT	A CO	n.P. 1397,
2	Public Improvements - Planning - Construction - Administration			
4	Positions - Legislative Count Personal Services			(-1.000) (74,000)
6	All Other Capital Expenditures			(5,000) (5,000) (3,500)
8	TOTAL			(82,500)
10				(02,300)
12	Deappropriates funds as an offset to an appropriation in Part S, section 1 of this			
14	Act. Approximately \$41,250 in General Fund revenue in			
16	fiscal year 1998-99 will not be realized.			
18	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND			
20	FINANCIAL SERVICES TOTAL			(82,500)
22				
24	ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE			
26	District Attorneys - Salaries			
28	Positions - Legislative Count Personal Services			(-4.000) (190,000)
30	Deappropriates funds as an			(===, ===,
32	offset to Part A, section 1.			
34	DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL			
36	TOTAL			(190,000)
38	ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF			
40	Office of Tourism			
42				
44	Positions - Legislative Count Personal Services			(-1.000) (62,551)
46	Deappropriates funds for one Policy Development Specialist			
48	position within the Office of Tourism.			
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SENATE AMENDMENT "Y" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397, L.D. 1950

Administration - Economic and Community 2 Development 4 Personal Services (17,371)All Other (10,000)6 (27,371)TOTAL 8 Deappropriates funds to 10 upgrade one Development Project Officer position to a 12 Development Program Manager position for improved 14 administration, outreach management and oversight of 16 the tax increment financing, employment tax increment 18 financing and other incentive programs plus all other costs. 20 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND 22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (89,922)TOTAL 24 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, 26 DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Environmental 28 Protection 30 (-1.000)Positions - Legislative Count Personal Services (67, 250)32 All Other (5,000)34 TOTAL (72,250)36 Provides for deappropriation 38 of funds through the transfer of the Director, Office of 40 Innovation and Assistance position and related cost 42 from the Remediation and Waste Management program, 44 Other Special Revenue to minimize fees needed to 46 continue the program. Land and Water Quality 48

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Positions - Legislative Count

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2	Personal Services All Other				•	7,126) 8,874)
4	TOTAL				(25	6,000)
6	Provides for the deappropriation of funds					
8	through the transfer of one Biologist I position, one					
10	Biologist III position and one Environmental Specialist					
12	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 Management					
28	-				,	2 000)
30	Positions - Legislative Count Personal Services All Other				(8	2.000) 3,234) 5,500)
32	TOTAL					8,734)
34	TOTAL				(0	0,734)
36	Provides for the 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.					

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	SENATE AMENDMENT "Y" to COMMITTEE L.D. 1950	AMENDMENT "A" t	о н.р. 1397,
2	PROTECTION TOTAL		(416,984)
4	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE		
б	Student Financial Assistance Programs		
8	All Other		(4,000,000)
10			(2,000,000,
12	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part HH.		
14	FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE TOTAL		(4,000,000)
16	MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF		
18	Division of Administrative		
20	Services		
22	Positions - Legislative Count Personal Services	(-1.000) (13,295)	(-1.000) (55,526)
24	All Other	(7,000) (5,000)	(12,500)
26	Capital Expenditures	(3,000)	
28	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part A, section 1.		
30	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES	(25,295)	(68,026)
32	TOTAL	(25,295)	(00,020)
34	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
36	State Police		
38	Positions - Legislative Count		(-4.000) (49,755)
40	Personal Services All Other		(41,289)
42	Capital Expenditures		(66,801)
44	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part A, section 1.		
46	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TOTAL		(157,845)
48			
50	MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE		

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2	Maine Technical College System - Board of Trustees		
4	All Other		(3 000 000)
6	All Other		(3,000,000)
8	Deappropriates funds as an offset to Part FF.		
10	BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM		
12	TOTAL		(3,000,000)
14	SECTION TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	(25,295)	(8,177,803)
16	Sec. GGG-6. Appropriation.	The following	funds are
18	appropriated from the General Fund this Part.		
20		199798	1998-99
22	EDUCATION DEDARMANTO OF		
24	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
26	Magnet Schools		
	All Other	\$50,000	\$100,000
30	Provides funding for the Maine School of Science and		
32	Mathematics.		
34	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF		
36	Land and Water Quality		
38	All Other		6,000,000
40	Provides funds for the construction of water		
42	pollution control facilities providing the state match for		
44	\$10,000,000 in federal funds.		
46	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL 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
б	Provides funds for	
8	acquisitions that will be targeted to sites with outstanding recreational,	
10	scenic, natural or wildlife values in accordance with the	w.
12	policies and criteria developed by the Land for	
14	Maine's Future Board. These funds will be matched with at	
16	least \$1,500,000 in public and private funding. Up to	
18	20% of this appropriation must be expended for farmland	
20	preservation, as determined by the Land for Maine's	
22	Future Board.	
24	EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,000,000
26	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
28	Maine Public Drinking Water Control	
30	Program	
32	All Other	3,000,000
34	Provides funds for the construction of drinking	
36	water system improvements for public water supplies	
38	providing the state match for \$15,000,000 in federal funds.	
40	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	
42	TOTAL	3,000,000
44	MAINE STATE LIBRARY	
46	Library Resource Sharing and Support	
48		1 200 000
	All Other	1,200,000

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	SENATE AMENDMENT " Y " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. L.D. 1950	1397,
2	Provides funds to support public libraries and to help fund library resource	
4	sharing. These funds are nonlapsing.	
б		
8	Reader and Information Services - Library	
10	All Other 2	00,000
12	Provides funds to increase the Maine State Library's acquisition budget for the	
14	purchase of library materials.	
16	MAINE STATE LIBRARY	
10	TOTAL 1,4	00,000
18	MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING	
20	CORPORATION	
22	Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation	
24	All Other 2,0	000,000
26		
28	Provides funds to assist the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation with the	
30	Corporation with the federally mandated conversion to digital broadcasting.	
32		
34	MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION	
36	TOTAL 2,0	000,000
	SECTION	
3.8	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 50,000 15,5	000,000
40	Sec. GGG-7. Allocation. The following funds are all from the Highway Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30	
42	and June 30, 1999 to carry out the purposes of this Part.	,
44	PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF	L998-99
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4.0	State Police	
48		74,633)
50		51,933)

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	SENATE AMENDMENT " Υ " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1397, L.D. 1950
2	Capital Expenditures (100,202)
4	Deallocates funds as an offset to Part A, section 2.
6	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8	TOTAL 236,768
10	SECTION
12	Sec. GGG-8. Allocation. The following funds are allocated
14	from the Federal Expenditures Fund for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999 to carry out the purposes of this
16	Part.
18	1998-99
20	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF
22	Performance Partnership Grant
24	
26	Positions - Legislative Count (-3.000) Personal Services (143,787)
28	All Other (21,587)
30	TOTAL (165,374)
	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	
42	TOTAL PROTECTION (165,374)
44	Sec. GGG-9. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Part.
46	1998-99
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50	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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Law Enforcement Agency 2 Reimbursement Fund All Other \$734,103 Allocates funds to authorize expenditures from the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to reimburse municipal 8 and county law enforcement officers who serve as court officers and witnesses at a 10 rate of \$40 per day. 12 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT 734,103 14 TOTAL 16 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF 18 Maine Environmental Protection Fund 20 (-3.000)Positions - Legislative Count (146,576)22 Personal Services All Other (78, 123)24 (224,699)TOTAL 26 Provides for the deallocation of funds through the 28 elimination of one Biologist 30 I position, and Biologist III position and one 32 Environmental Specialist IV position and related costs. 34 Remediation and Waste Management (-1.000)Positions - Legislative Count 38 Personal Services (67,250)

	All Other	(5,860)
40	TOTAL	(73,110)
42		
	Provides for the deallocation	
44	of funds through the	
	elimination of one Director,	
46	Office of Innovation and	
	Assistance position and	
48	related costs.	
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50	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL	

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to \$40 a day.

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2	PROTECTION (297,809)	
4 6	SECTION TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$436,294'	
8	Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.	
10	FISCAL NOTE	
12 14 16	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.	
18	SUMMARY	
20	This amendment repeals the snack tax, effective January 1, 1999, but leaves intact the taxation of those items that were taxable prior to the enactment of the snack tax.	
24 26	This amendment also increases the individual income tax personal exemption in a 2-step process in an attempt to conform with the federal individual income tax personal exemption.	
28 30 32	This amendment expands the circuit breaker program in 2 ways. First, the tax to income thresholds are reduced from 4% and 8% to 2% and 6%, respectively. Second, the income thresholds are increased in program year 1998 from \$26,400 for singles and \$41,100 for joint filers to \$40,000 and \$60,000, respectively.	
34 36 38	This amendment funds the repeal of the snack tax, the expansion of the circuit breaker program and the increase in the personal exemption with funding from 2 tax relief funds established by the 118th Legislature.	
10	This amendment also contains the legislative recommendations of the Working Group on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and	
12	Reimbursement. The Part addresses reimbursement for municipal and county law enforcement agencies whose officers are required	
14	to be present in District Court as well as the moratorium on local traffic ordinances enacted in Public Law 1997, chapter 392.	
16	The law authorizing municipalities to designate a law enforcement officer as the court officer to handle arraignments	

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is reworded but retained. The reimbursement to the municipality or county supplying the court officer is increased from \$10 a day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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