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SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1589, L.D. 2219, Bill, "An Act to Reduce Income and Property Taxes"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Reduce Income and Property Taxes and Repeal the Snack Tax'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "~~\$683.~~" in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 3, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$7,500~~" and inserting in its place the following: '~~\$6,500~~'

Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "~~\$683.~~" in subsection 1 in the 11th line (page 3, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~\$7,500~~" and inserting in its place the following: '~~\$6,500~~'

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 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

2 bread, rolls and unflavored matzo; milk and milk products;
oleomargarine; meat and meat products; fish and seafood products;
4 poultry; eggs and egg products; vegetables and vegetable
products, including pickles; fruit and fruit products, including
6 fruit juices and fruit sauces; naturally flavored powdered or
liquid drink mixes or drinks; spices, condiments, including jams,
jellies and peanut butter, salt and sugar; coffee and tea; and
8 unroasted nuts.

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

20 Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §1752, sub-§14-C, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
22 591, Pt. WW, §2 and affected by §4, is repealed.'

24 Further amend the amendment in section 5 by striking out all
of the caption "**Administrative and Financial Services, Department of**"
26 and inserting in its place the following: '**ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**'

28 Further amend the amendment in section 5 under the caption
30 "**Administrative and Financial Services, Department of**" by striking out
all of the part relating to "**Homestead Property Tax Exemption
32 Reimbursement**" (page 8, lines 10 to 20 in amendment) and
inserting in its place the following:

34 '**Homestead Property Tax Exemption**
36 **Reimbursement**

38 All Other \$42,842,632

40 Provides funds for 100% of the estimated
amount of property tax exempted under the
42 Maine Resident Homestead Property Tax
Exemption program.'

44 Further amend the amendment in section 5 in the last line
46 (page 8, line 40 in amendment) by striking out the following:
"\$50,268,399" and inserting in its place the following:
48 '\$43,706,611'

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L.D. 2219

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

Sec. 6. Retroactivity. Except as otherwise provided, this Act
applies retroactively to April 1, 1998.

Sec. 7. Effective date. Those sections of this Act that amend
Title 36, section 1752, subsections 3-B and 14-C take effect
October 1, 1998.'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will increase the combined total cost of the
bill to the General Fund and the Tax Relief Fund for Maine
Residents by \$9,093,583 in fiscal year 1998-99, \$13,820,438 in
fiscal year 1999-2000 and \$14,373,255 in fiscal year 2000-01.

SUMMARY

This amendment decreases the amount of the homestead
property tax exemption from \$7,500 to \$6,500. The amendment also
repeals the snack tax, effective October 1, 1998, but leaves
intact the taxation of those items that were taxable prior to the
enactment of the snack tax.

SPONSORED BY:

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