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H.P. 1550

House of Representatives, April 20, 1999

**An Act to Eliminate the Personal Property Tax and Make Other Changes
in the Tax Laws.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 16, 1999. Referred to the Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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**CONCEPT DRAFT
SUMMARY**

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8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. It
seeks to amend the laws governing taxation in the following ways:

10 1. Eliminate the personal property tax and reimburse
12 municipalities for 100% of the resulting loss of tax revenue
through a revenue-sharing program separate from the
14 state-municipal revenue sharing provided for in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5681;

16 2. Eliminate the sales tax exemption for machinery and
equipment used in production;

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20 3. Eliminate the program established in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 36, chapter 915 that provides for reimbursement
for taxes paid on certain business property; and

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24 4. Impose a 1% tax on ingredients and components used in
production.