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10	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE
12	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
14	HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 967,
16	L.D. 2516, Bill, "An Act to Improve Standards for Public Assistance to Maine Employers"
18	Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the
20	following:
22	'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
24	'An Act to Improve Standards for Public Assistance to Maine
26	Employers and Employees''
28	Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 2 the following:
30	'Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5219-S is enacted to read:
32	<u>\$5219-S. Living wage credit</u>
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	1. Generally. Except as otherwise provided by this
36	section, an individual whose adjusted gross income is less than a living wage is allowed a credit equal to the amount of the tax
38	otherwise imposed on that individual by this Part. In no case may the credit allowed by this section reduce an individual's
40	state income tax liability to less than zero.
42	2. Definition. For purposes of this section, "living wage" means a wage, calculated on a calendar-year basis, that is
44	greater than the average annual per capita income in the labor

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market area in which the employee of the job is employed.' 2 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read 4 consecutively. б **FISCAL NOTE** 8 10 This amendment adds an income tax credit that will significantly reduce individual income tax collections beginning in fiscal year 2000-01. The amount of the annual reductions can 12 not be estimated at this time. 14 The Bureau of Revenue Services will incur additional 16 administrative costs to implement this additional income tax credit. These amounts also can not be determined at this time. 18 20 SUMMARY 22 This amendment exempts an individual that makes less than a living wage from paying state income tax. 24 26 SPONSORED BY: 28 (Representative MENDROS) 30 TOWN: Lewiston 32

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