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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "L" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 256, L.D. 300, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Parts O, P and Q.

Further amend the amendment in Part R by striking out all of sections 1 and 6.

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

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

PART Z

Sec. Z-1. Calculation and transfer. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount in section 2 of this Part that applies against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies based on the total appropriations to those accounts, except for the following accounts: General Purpose Aid to Local Schools; Education in the Unorganized Territory; Debt Service - Treasury; Teacher Retirement; General Assistance; and Medical Care - Payments to Providers. The State Budget Officer shall cause the calculated amount to be transferred from each account. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations and allocations.

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Sec. Z-2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

2001-02 2002-03

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

Departments and Agencies - Statewide

All Other (\$56,043,153) (\$58,229,175)

Provides for the
deappropriation of funds by
an across-the-board reduction
of approximately 5% in fiscal
years 2001-02 and 2002-03
except for the General Fund
accounts listed in section 1
of this Part.

Sec. Z-3. Hiring restriction. Except for those positions that
are determined by the Governor to be essential to the safety,
care and welfare of the people of this State, no department or
agency may hire any new personnel during the 2001-02 biennium.

PART AA

**Sec. AA-1. Distribution for cushion and general purpose aid;
implementing language.** Notwithstanding Part C of this Act, the
Department of Education shall distribute an additional
\$20,000,000 in the foundation component and zero dollars in the
cushion line of the adjustments component of general purpose aid
for local schools to local school administrative units. Within
30 days of enactment of this Act, the department shall submit to
the Legislature changes to Part C of this Act necessitated by
this section.

Sec. AA-2. Appropriation. The following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this Part.

2001-02 2002-03

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for

Local Schools

All Other	\$20,000,000	\$25,000,000
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Provides additional funds for
school subsidies.

PART BB

Sec. BB-1. Appropriation. The following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this Part.

2001-02	2002-03
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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Nursing Facilities

All Other	\$2,363,649	\$2,453,017
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Provides funds for a 3%
cost-of-living adjustment for
nursing facilities.

Sec. BB-2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from
the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this
Part.

2001-02	2002-03
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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Nursing Facilities

All Other	\$4,684,656	\$4,886,950
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Provides for the federal
match for a 3% cost-of-living
adjustment for nursing
facilities.

PART CC

Sec. CC-1. 22 MRSA §1718 is enacted to read:

§1718. Rulemaking required

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

TOTAL

\$134,713

\$138,081

Sec. CC-3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

2001-02

2002-03

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Nursing Facilities

All Other

\$46,590

\$48,003

Provides funds for the federal match to cover the costs associated with the change in the principles of reimbursement for nursing facilities.

PART DD

Sec. DD-1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Exclusion for unmarried partners. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State may not pay for any portion of health care coverage provided to unmarried partners of employees of the State.

Sec. DD-2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

2001-02

2002-03

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Salary Plan

Personal Services

(\$150,000)

(\$150,000)

Deappropriates funds to reflect the savings from disallowing funding health insurance for unmarried

partners of employees of the
State.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will increase the General Fund cost of the
bill by \$500,000 in fiscal year 2000-01, decrease the General
Fund cost of the bill by \$5,256,213 in fiscal year 2001-02 and
increase the General Fund cost of the bill by \$7,441,560 in
fiscal year 2002-03. The net General Fund cost for these 3 years
is \$2,685,347. Based on the estimated year-ending balances, this
amendment maintains a balanced General Fund budget.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. It strikes the increase in taxes on cigarettes and
prepared foods proposed in the committee amendment.

2. It strikes the restriction on the high-technology
investment tax credit and the repeal of the sawmill biomass tax
credit proposed in the committee amendment.

3. It strikes the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund created
in Committee Amendment "A" because the source of the funding was
the increase in taxes on prepared foods.

4. It increases funding for general purpose aid to local
schools by \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$25,000,000 in
fiscal year 2002-03.

5. It reduces the appropriations to all state departments
and agencies by 5% except for the following accounts: General
Purpose Aid to Local Schools, Education in the Unorganized
Territory, Debt Service, Teacher Retirement, General Assistance
and Medical Care - Payments to Providers. It also places a
hiring freeze on all departments and agencies except for those
personnel determined by the Governor to be essential to the
safety, care and welfare of the people of Maine.

6. It gives a cost-of-living adjustment to nursing home
workers and nursing home residents.

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7. It prohibits the State from paying for any portion of
health care coverage provided to unmarried partners of employees
of the State.

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