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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "P" 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 H, M, O and P.

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 programs: General Purpose Aid for Local Schools; Education in the Unorganized Territory; Debt Service - Treasury; Teacher Retirement; General Assistance; Medical Care - Payments to Providers; nursing facilities; Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid; Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid; Medicaid Services - Mental Retardation; and all programs under the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the Legislature. The State Budget Officer shall cause the calculated amount to be transferred from each account. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations and allocations.

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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

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

12 2001-02 2002-03
14 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

16 **Nursing Facilities**

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

26 **PART CC**

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

32 2001-02
34 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

36 **General Purpose Aid
for Local Schools**

38 All Other \$3,650,000
40 Provides funding to hold harmless local
42 school administrative units at no less
44 funding than they received in fiscal year
2000-01. Notwithstanding the language in
46 Part C of this Act, the Department of
Education may distribute additional amounts
48 to hold harmless local school administrative
units.

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PART DD

Sec. DD-1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. U, §5, is amended to read:

5. Transfers to funds. On the last day of each month, ~~beginning July 31, 2000,~~ the Treasurer of State shall transfer to the Local Government Fund an amount equal to ~~5.1%~~ 5.2% of the receipts from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8 and credited to the General Fund without any reduction. Any amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund in excess of the annual growth ceiling must be transferred to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund.

Sec. DD-2. Effective date. That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5 takes effect January 1, 2003.

PART EE

Sec. EE-1. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds - Fund for a Healthy Maine to carry out the purposes of this Part.

	2001-02	2002-03
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Purchased Social Services		
All Other	(\$600,000)	(\$600,000)
Deallocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine for after-school services to the 12-to-15-year age group.		
Head Start		
All Other	600,000	600,000
Allocates funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to support full-day year-round Head Start programs, including programs for children up to 5 years of age.		

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2	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	_____	_____
	TOTAL	\$0	\$0

4 **Sec. EE-2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
Federal Block Grant funds to carry out the purposes of this Part.

6		2001-02	2002-03
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8 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

10 **Child Care Services**

12	All Other	\$1,140,318	\$1,126,113
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14 Provides funds from the Child
16 Care and Development Fund for
18 additional infant, toddler
and preschool child care
subsidies.

20 **Child Care Services**

22	All Other	649,714	654,447
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24 Provides funds from the Child
26 Care and Development Fund for
28 additional school-aged child
care subsidies.

30 **Child Care Services**

32	All Other	251,143	261,226
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34 Provides funds from the Child
36 Care and Development Fund to
support systemic quality
improvements such as
38 increased wages, training and
facilities improvements.

40 **Child Care Services**

42	All Other	797,247	788,465
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44 Provides funds from the Child
46 Care and Development Fund to
support incentives for child
48 care providers to offer care
during odd hours, in

underserved geographic areas,
to at-risk children or to
children with special needs.

Child Care Services

All Other 334,963 343,134

Provides funds from the Child
Care and Development Fund to
support child care resource
development centers.

Purchased Social Services

All Other 600,000 600,000

Provides funds from the Child
Care and Development Fund
through a transfer to the
Social Services Block Grant
to offset a reduction in
funding from the Fund for a
Healthy Maine for
after-school services to the
12-to-15-year age group.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL**

\$3,773,385 \$3,773,385

PART FF

Sec. FF-1. 36 MRSA §6652, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B are enacted to
read:

A. For property taxes based on the status of property on or
after April 1, 2001 and before April 1, 2003, reimbursement
is limited to the amount by which the taxes paid with
respect to the eligible property exceeds the amount that has
been or will be returned to the taxpayer by a municipality
due to the taxpayer's participation in a municipal
development district under Title 30-A, chapter 207.

B. For property taxes based on the status of property on or
after April 1, 2003, reimbursement is limited to the amount
by which 75% of the taxes paid with respect to the eligible
property exceeds the amount that has been or will be
returned to the taxpayer by a municipality due to the

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2 taxpayer's participation in a municipal development district
3 under Title 30-A, chapter 207.

4 **Sec. FF-2. Appropriation.** The following funds are
5 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
6 this Part.

8 2001-02 2002-03

10 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**
11 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

12 **Personal Property Tax Reform**

14 All Other (\$6,668,685) (\$12,556,315)

16 Deappropriates funds from
17 savings realized by the
18 elimination of reimbursement
19 under the Maine Revised
20 Statutes, Title 36, chapter
21 915 for taxpayers receiving
22 reimbursement pursuant to
23 Title 30-A, chapter 207.

26 **Sec. FF-3. Application.** This Part applies to property taxes
27 assessed on or after April 1, 2001.

30 **PART GG**

32 **Sec. GG-1. 36 MRS §5122, sub-§2, ¶L,** as amended by PL 1999,
33 c. 708, §35 and c. 731, Pt. S, §2 and affected by §4 and amended
34 by c. 790, Pt. A, §49, is repealed and the following enacted in
35 its place:

38 L. For income tax years beginning on or after January 1,
39 2000, an amount equal to the total premiums spent for
40 qualified long-term care insurance contracts as defined in
41 the Code, Section 7702B(b), as long as the amount subtracted
42 is reduced by the long-term care premiums claimed as an
43 itemized deduction pursuant to section 5125;

44 **Sec. GG-2. 36 MRS §5122, sub-§2, ¶M,** as enacted by PL 1999,
45 c. 708, §36 and c. 731, Pt. S, §3 and affected by §4, is repealed
46 and the following enacted in its place:

48 M. An amount, for each recipient of benefits under an
49 employee retirement plan, that is the lesser of:

(1) Six thousand dollars reduced by the total amount of social security benefits and railroad retirement benefits paid by the United States, but not less than \$0. The reduction does not apply to benefits paid under a military retirement plan; or

(2) The aggregate of benefits received under employee retirement plans and included in federal adjusted gross income.

For purposes of this paragraph, "employee retirement plan" means a state, federal or military retirement plan or any other retirement benefit plan established and maintained by an employer for the benefit of its employees under Section 401(a), Section 403 or Section 457(b) of the Code. "Employee retirement plan" does not include an individual retirement account under Section 408 of the Code, a Roth IRA under Section 408A of the Code, a rollover individual retirement account, a simplified employee pension under Section 408(k) of the Code or an ineligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457(f) of the Code. For purposes of this paragraph, "military retirement plan" means benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard;

Sec. GG-3. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶N is enacted to read:

N. Interest or dividends on obligations or securities of this State and its political subdivisions and authorities to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income;

Sec. GG-4. Application. That section of this Part that repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph M applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

PART HH

Sec. HH-1. Supplemental appropriations and allocations. There are appropriated and allocated from various funds for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003, to the departments listed, the following sums.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Salary Plan

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2 New Initiative: Provides funds for the Salary Plan to cover
4 prospective salary cost increases associated with the collective
bargaining process.

6	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	7,500,000	7,390,275
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	Total	<u>7,500,000</u>	<u>7,390,275</u>

10 **Departments and Agencies Statewide - Retiree Health Insurance**

12 New Initiative: Provides for the appropriation of funds to reduce
14 the unfunded liability for retiree health.

16	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services		2,000,000
18			
	Total		<u>2,000,000</u>

20 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

22	Department Totals	2001-02	2002-03
	Department Summary - All Funds	7,500,000	9,390,275
24	Department Summary - General Fund	7,500,000	9,390,275

26 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

28 **Program: Administration - Corrections**

30 New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new
32 classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff
having inmate contact.

34	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	7,664	7,775
36			
	Total	<u>7,664</u>	<u>7,775</u>

38 **Program: Maine State Prison**

40 New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new
42 classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff
having inmate contact.

44	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
46	Personal Services	812,377	722,799
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	Total	<u>812,377</u>	<u>722,799</u>

50	Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
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2	Personal Services	3,226	6,532
4	Total	<u>3,226</u>	<u>6,532</u>
6	Prison Industries	2001-02	2002-03
8	Personal Services	11,001	11,074
10	Total	<u>11,001</u>	<u>11,074</u>
12	Program: Central Maine Pre-Release Center		
14	New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff having inmate contact.		
16	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
18	Personal Services	48,573	49,225
20	Total	<u>48,573</u>	<u>49,225</u>
22	Program: Maine Correctional Center		
24	New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff having inmate contact.		
26	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
28	Personal Services	414,183	392,385
30	Total	<u>414,183</u>	<u>392,385</u>
32	Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
34	Personal Services	775	829
36	Total	<u>775</u>	<u>829</u>
38	Program: Downeast Correctional Facility		
40	New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff having inmate contact.		
42	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
44	Personal Services	118,081	120,703
46	Total	<u>118,081</u>	<u>120,703</u>
48	Other Special Revenue Funds	2001-02	2002-03
50	Personal Services	14,331	14,955
	All Other	74	77

2	Total	14,405	15,032
4	Program: Charleston Correctional Center		
6	New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new		
8	classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff		
	having inmate contact.		
10	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	51,362	53,787
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	Total	51,362	53,787
14	Federal Expenditures Fund		
		2001-02	2002-03
16	Personal Services	5,330	5,619
	All Other	28	29
18		<hr/>	<hr/>
	Total	5,358	5,648
20	Other Special Revenue Funds		
		2001-02	2002-03
22	Personal Services	14,331	14,955
	All Other	74	77
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	Total	14,405	15,032
26	Program: Northern Maine Juvenile Facility		
28	New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new		
30	classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff		
	having offender contact.		
32	General Fund		
		2001-02	2002-03
34	Personal Services	69,414	72,257
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	Total	69,414	72,257
38	Program: Maine Youth Center		
40	New Initiative: Provides funds to implement the new		
42	classifications and pay ranges for security staff and other staff		
	having inmate contact.		
44	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	Personal Services	23,974	23,974
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	Total	23,974	23,974
48	CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
50	Department Totals	2001-02	2002-03

2	Department Summary - All Funds	1,594,798	1,497,052
	Department Summary - General Fund	1,545,628	1,442,905
4	Department Summary - Federal		
	Expenditures Fund	5,358	5,648
6	Department Summary - Other Special		
	Revenue Funds	32,811	37,425
8	Department Summary - Prison Industries	11,001	11,074

10 **PART II**

12 **Sec. II-1. 28-A MRSA §403**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 755, §1,
14 is repealed.

16 **Sec. II-2. 28-A MRSA §453-B**, as repealed and replaced by PL
18 1993, c. 509, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its
20 place:

22 **§453-B. License fees**

24 The initial license fee for an agency liquor store is \$2,000
26 and the renewal fee for an annual license is \$300.

28 **Sec. II-3. Closure of 14 state liquor stores.** Notwithstanding any
30 other provision of law, the Department of Administrative and
32 Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery
Operations is directed to implement the closure of 8 state liquor
stores by December 31, 2001. No sooner than June 1, 2002, but
not later than December 31, 2002, the department is directed to
close an additional 6 state liquor stores and to close additional
stores based on the recommendations of the Commission to Develop
a Plan to Implement the Closure of State Liquor Stores.

34 **Sec. II-4. State liquor stores to be closed.**

36 **1. Replacement of state liquor stores.** The Department of
38 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic
40 Beverages and Lottery Operations may license up to 6 agency
42 stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000 where a
44 state liquor store has been closed and up to 3 agency stores in a
46 municipality where a state liquor store has been closed. The
Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Liquor
and Lottery Commission shall establish monthly discounts for all
agency stores. The issuance of an agency liquor store license
and the operation of agency liquor stores licensed pursuant to
this Part are governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-A,
chapter 19.

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2 **2. Requirement of at least one replacement agency liquor**
3 **store before closing.** A state liquor store may not be closed
4 unless at least one replacement agency liquor store with a
5 federal wholesale registration and licensed as a reselling agent
6 has been licensed within 10 miles of the state store being closed
7 or unless the Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and
8 Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and
9 Financial Services determines that reasonable alternative access
10 is available to persons who previously purchased spirits from the
11 state liquor store being closed.

12 **3. Assistance to employees.** The State shall provide
13 assistance within existing programs to employees who are laid off
14 as a result of the closing of state liquor stores. This
15 assistance may include, but is not limited to, retraining, career
16 planning and assistance in obtaining other employment and may be
17 provided before or after an employee leaves state employment.

18 **4. Funding employee assistance.** Notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law, the State Budget Officer is authorized to
20 transfer by financial order upon approval of the Governor amounts
21 between line categories within the Alcoholic Beverages - General
22 Operations program during fiscal year 2001-02 to provide up to
23 \$450,000 to fund employee assistance costs for full-time and
24 part-time state liquor store employees for whom reasonable
25 alternative state government employment is not available or can
26 not be found, and the Department of Administrative and Financial
27 Services, Bureau of Employee Relations shall negotiate with the
28 applicable bargaining agent regarding the assistance provided as
29 well as the eligibility criteria for assistance. The State
30 Budget Officer shall provide quarterly status reports to the
31 joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction
32 over appropriations and financial affairs and legal and veterans
33 affairs beginning April 30, 2001. The report must include an
34 update on the implementation of this section and all transfers
35 from the General Fund Salary Plan program.

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38 **Sec. II-5. Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement the Closure of**
39 **State Liquor Stores.** The Commission to Develop a Plan to Implement
40 the Closure of State Liquor Stores, referred to in this section
41 as the "commission," is established in accordance with the
42 following.

43 **1. Membership.** The commission consists of the following
44 members:

- 45 A. Two Senators, appointed by the President of the Senate;
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47 B. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
48 by the Speaker of the House;
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2 C. One member representing the employees of state liquor
4 stores, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and
the Speaker of the House;

6 D. Two owners of agency liquor stores, appointed jointly by
the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

8 E. One representative of the Department of Administrative
10 and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and
12 Lottery Operations, appointed by the Governor; and

14 F. One representative of the Department of Public Safety,
Bureau of Liquor Enforcement, appointed by the Governor.

16 **2. Appointments; meetings.** Appointments must be made no
later than 30 days after the effective date of this Act. The
18 first named Senate member is the Senate chair; the first named
House member is the House chair. The appointing authorities
20 shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council
once the appointments have been made. The Executive Director of
22 the Legislative Council shall notify the chairs when all
appointments have been made. The chairs of the commission shall
24 call and convene the first meeting of the commission any time
after the effective date of this Act.

26 **3. Duties.** The commission shall develop a plan to
effectuate an appropriate statewide liquor distribution system.
28 In developing its plan, the commission shall consider the effects
on wholesale distribution and sales of closing state liquor
30 stores and consider strategies for moving to a system that relies
on agency stores for all retail sales to the extent that does not
32 negatively affect state revenue.

34 **4. Report.** The commission shall submit its report,
36 together with legislation necessitated by the closing of state
liquor stores, to the Second Regular Session of the 120th
38 Legislature no later than January 31, 2002. If the commission
requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to
40 the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

42 **5. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative
Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
44 staffing assistance to the commission.

46 **6. Compensation.** The members of the commission who are
Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as
48 defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and
reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to
50 their attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Other

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2 members of the commission who are not compensated by their
employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to
4 receive reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses
related to their attendance at authorized meetings.

6 **7. Budget.** The chairs of the commission, with assistance
from the commission staff, shall administer the commission's
8 budget. The commission may not incur expenses exceeding its
approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive
10 Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the
commission and its staff with a status report on the commission's
12 budget, expenditures incurred and remaining available funds.

14 **Sec. II-6. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Part.

16 **2001-02**

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20 **Commission to Develop a Plan to**
22 **Implement the Closure of State**
24 **Liquor Stores**

26	Personal Services	\$1,320
	All Other	2,600
28	Provides funds for the per diem and expenses	
	of legislative members and other eligible	
30	members of the Commission to Develop a Plan	
	to Implement the Closure of State Liquor	
	Stores and to print the required report.	

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34 **TOTAL** \$3,920

36 **Sec. II-7. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
the Alcoholic Beverage Fund to carry out the purposes of this
38 Part.

40 **2001-02** **2002-03**

42 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**
44 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

46 **Alcoholic Beverages - General**
Operation

48	Unallocated	(\$100,684)	(\$1,998,640)
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Deallocates funds from savings that result from closing 8 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001, the elimination of discount store provisions and closing an additional 6 state liquor stores by December 31, 2002 but no earlier than June 1, 2002.

Sec. II-8. Calculation and transfer. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585, in fiscal year 2001-02 and 2002-03 the State Budget Officer shall calculate the amounts in section 5 of this Part that apply against each affected line category based on information submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations and shall transfer the calculated amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers must be considered adjustments to allocations in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03. The State Budget Officer shall provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs with a report of the transferred amounts no later than September 30, 2002.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will decrease the General Fund cost of the bill by \$24,562,184 in fiscal year 2001-02 and increase the General Fund cost by \$14,378,085 in fiscal year 2002-03. Based on the estimated year-ending balances, this amendment maintains a balanced General Fund budget.

This amendment will result in no net change to the estimated year-ending balances in the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following.

1. It removes: Part H, which authorized transfers from the Maine Rainy Day Fund, allowed the General Fund to retain interest

2 earned on that fund and increased the transfers to the fund for 2
fiscal years; Part M, which proposed to close state liquor
4 stores; Part O, which increased the cigarette tax; and Part P,
which increased the sales tax on prepared food.

6 2. It reduces the appropriations to all state departments
and agencies by 5% except for the following accounts: General
8 Purpose Aid for Local Schools, Education in the Unorganized
Territory, Debt Service, Teacher Retirement, General Assistance
10 and Medicaid programs and any accounts under the Maine Maritime
Academy, the Maine Technical College System and the Legislature.
12 It also places a hiring freeze on all departments and agencies
except for those personnel determined by the Governor to be
14 essential to the safety, care and welfare of the people of Maine.

16 3. It transfers \$35,000,000 from the Maine Learning
Technology Endowment to the General Fund.

18 4. It provides a 3% cost-of-living adjustment to nursing
20 home workers and residents.

22 5. It increases funding for the General Purpose Aid for
Local Schools account to "hold harmless" those local school
24 districts that lost funding so that they are funded at the same
level as in fiscal year 2000-01.

26 6. It increases the percentage of state-municipal revenue
28 sharing to 5.2% from 5.1% beginning January 1, 2003.

30 7. It restores funding for certain child care services.

32 8. It restricts reimbursement of property taxes under the
business equipment tax reimbursement program if the taxes also
34 are reimbursed under a tax increment financing district
agreement. Effective for property tax years beginning on or
36 after April 1, 2003, reimbursement under the BETR program is
limited to 75% of taxes paid.

38 9. It provides that military retirement benefits are not
40 subject to the offset for social security and railroad retirement
benefits effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1,
42 2001. In the same Part, this amendment also corrects a conflict
created by Public Law 1999, chapters 708 and 731, each of which
44 enacted a new Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122,
subsection 2, paragraph M. This amendment resolves the conflict
46 by reallocating one of the new paragraphs to be the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph N.

48 10. It adds a delayed closure of the state liquor stores.
50 It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial

H. 3. 5.

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2 Services to close 8 state liquor stores by December 31, 2001 and
an additional 6 stores no sooner than June 1, 2002, but not later
4 than December 31, 2002 and establishes a commission to develop a
plan to implement an appropriate statewide liquor distribution
system.

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8 11. It provides funding for the new classifications and pay
ranges for Department of Corrections staff.

10 12. It sets aside funds in the General Fund salary plan for
collective bargaining agreements.

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14 13. It provides funding to reduce the unfunded liability
for retiree health insurance.

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18 SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative GOODWIN)

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TOWN: Pembroke

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