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In Senate, February 1, 2001

An Act to Remove the Time Limit on Applying for Refunds of Tax Stamps on Unsalable Cigarettes.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4366-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 458, §10, is amended to read:

4. Resale and reuse of stamps prohibited; redemption. Cigarette stamps issued by the assessor pursuant to this chapter may not be sold, transferred or used more than once by a distributor. The assessor shall redeem any unused, uncancelled stamps presented within one year of the date of purchase by any licensed distributor, at a price equal to the amount paid for them. The assessor may also redeem, at face value, cigarette tax stamps affixed to packages of cigarettes that have become unsalable, provided application—is—made—within—90—days—of—the return—of—the—unsalable—eigarettes—te—the—manufacturer,—and—the. The Treasurer of State shall provide, out of money collected pursuant to this chapter, the funds necessary for the redemption.

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20 SUMMARY

This bill removes the time limit on applying for refunds of tax stamps on unsalable cigarettes.