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An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 2000 with the United States Internal Revenue Code.

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GREEN of Monmouth.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 4 Whereas, the 90-day period would delay the processing of the 6 year 2000 income tax returns; and 8 Whereas, legislative action is immediately necessary to ensure continued and efficient administration of the Maine income 10 tax law and certain other state taxes; and 12 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 14 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 16 safety; now, therefore, 18 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 20 Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 548, \$1 and affected by \$2, is further amended to read: 22 1-A. Code. "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue 24 Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, 1999 2000. 26 Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to tax years beginning 28 on or after January 1, 2000. 30 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved. 32 **SUMMARY** 34 36 This bill updates references contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to the Internal Revenue Code as amended 38 through December 31, 2000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000. 40 The State's income tax returns for 2000 have been prepared 42 in anticipation of continued conformity.