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H.P. 1262

House of Representatives, March 20, 2001

An Act to Return a Portion of the Tax Imposed on Lodging to the Municipality in Which the Tax was Levied.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach.

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

4 Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §5686 is enacted to read:

6 §5686. Revenue sharing of lodging taxes

8 1. Lodging Tax Relief Fund established. There is
10 established the Lodging Tax Relief Fund, referred to in this
12 section as the "fund," for the purpose of returning a portion of
14 the revenue generated by lodging taxes to the municipalities in
which those taxes were collected. As used in this section,
"lodging tax" means the tax imposed pursuant to Title 36, section
1811 on the value of rental of living quarters in any hotel,
rooming house or tourist or trailer camp.

16 2. Amount of transfer; duties of Treasurer of State.
18 Beginning October 1, 2001, on the last day of each month, the
20 Treasurer of State shall transfer to the fund an amount equal to
22 25% of the receipts from the lodging tax credited to the General
24 Fund. Beginning November 2001, on the 28th day of each month,
the Treasurer of State shall distribute the balance in the fund
to the municipalities based on the information provided by the
State Tax Assessor pursuant to subsection 3.

26 3. Duties of State Tax Assessor. Beginning November 2001,
28 by the 25th day of each month, the State Tax Assessor shall
30 calculate the amount of the lodging tax collected in each
municipality and the amount to be returned to each municipality
pursuant to subsection 2 and provide the calculation to the
Treasurer of State.

32 4. Plantation and unorganized territory. For purposes of
34 this section, plantations and the unorganized territory are
treated as if they were municipalities.

36 5. Indian territory. For purposes of this section, the
38 Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation Indian territories
are treated as if they were municipalities.

40 SUMMARY

42 This bill returns 25% of the sales tax imposed on lodging to
44 the municipalities in which those taxes were levied.