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House of Representatives, December 16, 2003

An Act To Provide an Income Tax Modification for the Empowerment Zone Employment Credit

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Presented by Representative SHERMAN of Hodgdon.
Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRYANT-DESCHENES of Turner, CARR of Lincoln, CHURCHILL of
Washburn, COLLINS of Wells, DAVIS of Falmouth, Senators: PENDLETON of Cumberland,
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA $\S5122$, sub- $\S2$, \PQ , as corrected by RR 2003, c. 1, $\S38$, is amended to read:
6	Q. A fraction of any amount previously added back by the taxpayer to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to
8	subsection 1, paragraph N.
10	(1) With respect to property first placed in service during taxable years beginning in 2002, the adjustment
12	under this paragraph is available for each year during the recovery period, beginning 2 years after the
14	beginning of the taxable year during which the property was first placed in service. The fraction is equal to
16	the amount added back under subsection 1, paragraph New with respect to the property, divided by the number of
18	years in the recovery period minus 2.
20	(2) With respect to all other property, for the taxable year immediately following the taxable year
22	during which the property was first placed in service, the fraction allowed by this paragraph is equal to 5%
24	of the amount added back under subsection 1, paragraph N with respect to the property. For each subsequent
26	taxable year during the recovery period, the fraction is equal to 95% of the amount added back under
28	subsection 1, paragraph N with respect to the property, divided by the number of years in the recovery period
30	minus 2.
32	In the case of property expensed pursuant to Section 179 of the Code, the term "recovery period" means the recovery
34	period that would have been applicable to the property had Section 179 not been applied; and
36	Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶T, as reallocated by RR 2003,
38	c. 1, §37, is amended to read:
40	T. For income tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, an amount equal to the total premiums spent for
42	long-term care insurance policies certified under Title 24-A, section 5075-A as long as the amount subtracted is
44	reduced by the long-term care premiums claimed as ar itemized deduction pursuant to section 5125+; and

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, $\P U$ is enacted to read:

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	U. An amount equal to the taxpayer's federal empowerment
2	zone employment credit as determined under the laws of the
	United States.
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	Sec. 4. Application. This Act applies to tax years beginning
6	on or after January 1, 2005.
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	SUMMARY
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	Current law allows a business to deduct from its income for
12	Maine income tax purposes an amount equal to the business'
	federal new jobs credit or work opportunity credit. This bill
14	allows a business also to deduct any amount received under the
	federal empowerment zone employment credit program, which
16	provides tax incentives to businesses who hire employees who live
	and work in federally designated "empowerment zones."