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5	STATE OF MAINE				
6	SENATE				
7	124TH LEGISLATURE				
8	FIRST REGULAR SESSION				
9	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 481, L.D. 1335, Bill, "An Act To Exempt from the Sales Tax Meals Provided at Retirement Facilities"				
1 2 3	Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11-A in the 2nd line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "on a continuous" and inserting the following: 'on an average monthly'				
4	Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:				
5 6	'Sec. 5. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to transactions for which an assessment was not made before April 1, 2009.'				
7	SUMMARY				
8 9 0	This amendment clarifies the definition of "retirement facility," removes the credit proposed in the bill and applies the exemption retroactively to transactions for which an assessment was not made before April 1, 2009.				

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)



124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1335

LR 1747(02)

An Act To Exempt from the Sales Tax Meals Provided at Retirement Facilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Taxation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2009-10	2010-11	Projections 2011-12	Projections 2012-13
Net Cost (Savings) General Fund	\$521,400	\$507,114	\$523,746	\$544,868
Revenue				***************************************
General Fund	(\$521,400)	(\$507,114)	(\$523,746)	(\$544,868)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$28,600)	(\$53,886)	(\$54,084)	(\$56,075)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill exempts meals served at a full-service retirement facility from sales tax effective October 1, 2009. It also provides a retroactive exemption for any sales tax audit assessments not made before April 1, 2009. The ongoing loss of sales tax revenue will cause a General Fund loss of \$521,400 in FY 2009-10 and \$507,114 in FY 2010-11. The Local Government Fund revenue will be reduced by \$28,600 in FY 2009-10 and \$29,172 in FY 2010-11. The Tourism Marketing and Promotion Fund, which receives a portion of sales tax revenue on meals, will experience a revenue loss of \$24,714 beginning in FY 2010-11.