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An Act To Modernize State Income Tax Refunds

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DUPREY of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representative: WEAVER of York.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5280-A** is enacted to read:

3   **§5280-A. Refund of income tax overpayments for individuals**

4   **1. Debit card.** Except as provided in subsection 2, a refund issued to a taxpayer as
5   the result of overpayment or excess withholding of taxes under chapters 803 to 807 must
6   be made in the form of a debit card issued to the taxpayer. The card must be issued
7   without fee to the taxpayer and must permit the taxpayer to withdraw amounts available
8   on the card at automated teller machines or make payments using the card without fees.

9   **2. Exceptions.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a refund may be issued in the
10   following ways:

11   A. By direct deposit to a financial institution approved by the bureau; or

12   B. Upon the request of a person 56 years of age or older, in the form of a check.

13   **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to income tax refunds issued on or after
14   January 1, 2014.

15   **SUMMARY**

16   This bill provides that, beginning in 2014, individual income tax refunds must be
17   made in the form of a debit card or by direct deposit, or by check if requested by a person
18   56 years of age or older.