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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
126TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 785,  
L.D. 1113, Bill, "An Act To Provide Tax Fairness to Maine's Middle Class and Working  
Families"

Amend the amendment by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-C, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. I, §1,  
is further amended to read:

**5-C. Transfers to General Fund.** For the months beginning on or after July 1,  
2009, \$25,383,491 in fiscal year 2009-10, \$38,145,323 in fiscal year 2010-11,  
\$40,350,638 in fiscal year 2011-12 and \$44,267,343 in fiscal year 2012-13, \$35,025,200  
in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$36,708,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 from the total transfers  
pursuant to subsection 5 must be transferred to General Fund undedicated revenue. The  
amounts transferred to General Fund undedicated revenue each fiscal year pursuant to  
this subsection must be deducted from the distributions required by subsections 4-A and  
4-B based on the percentage share of the transfers to the Local Government Fund  
pursuant to subsection 5. The reductions in this subsection must be allocated to each  
month proportionately based on the budgeted monthly transfers to the Local Government  
Fund as determined at the beginning of the fiscal year.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the amendment in section 3 in §5111-C in subsection 2 in the first line (page  
3, line 7 in amendment) by striking out the following: "2014" and inserting the following:  
'2013'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 4, 5, 6 and 7 and inserting the  
following:

**'Sec. 4. Legislation increasing resident property tax relief programs.** By  
January 15, 2014, the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation may report out legislation to  
the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature that, beginning in fiscal year 2015-  
16, increases the benefit provided under the Maine resident homestead property tax  
exemption under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 105, subchapter 4-B and  
any other program that provides a property tax fairness credit to Maine residents for the  
homesteads of those Maine residents.





# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1113

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## An Act To Provide Tax Fairness to Maine's Middle Class and Working Families

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Carey of Lewiston

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

|                                   | FY 2013-14   | FY 2014-15     | Projections<br>FY 2015-16 | Projections<br>FY 2016-17 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>         |              |                |                           |                           |
| General Fund                      | \$0          | (\$991,675)    | (\$42,376,500)            | (\$41,721,625)            |
| <b>Appropriations/Allocations</b> |              |                |                           |                           |
| General Fund                      | \$124,800    | (\$37,329,675) | (\$49,606,500)            | (\$50,951,625)            |
| <b>Revenue</b>                    |              |                |                           |                           |
| General Fund                      | \$124,800    | (\$36,338,000) | (\$7,230,000)             | (\$9,230,000)             |
| Other Special Revenue Funds       | \$36,875,200 | \$36,638,000   | (\$70,000)                | (\$70,000)                |

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the net General Fund cost of the bill by \$991,675 in fiscal year 2014-15, \$42,376,500 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$41,721,625 in fiscal year 2016-17. As amended, this bill has no net General Fund impact during the current biennium. The table below summarizes the impact of the bill as amended by this amendment.

|  | FY 2013-14   | FY 2014-15   | Projections<br>FY 2015-16 | Projections<br>FY 2016-17 |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>General Fund Appropriations</b>                       |              |              |                           |                           |
| One-time administrative costs for new tax assessment     | \$124,800    | \$0          | \$0                       | \$0                       |
| <b>General Fund Revenue</b>                              |              |              |                           |                           |
| Tax equalization assessment                              | \$35,150,000 | \$36,708,000 | \$41,287,000              | \$44,650,000              |
| <b>Local Government Fund (Municipal Revenue Sharing)</b> |              |              |                           |                           |
| Tax equalization assessment                              | \$1,850,000  | \$1,932,000  | \$2,173,000               | \$2,350,000               |
| Additional Fixed Dollar Transfers                        | \$35,025,200 | \$36,708,000 | \$0                       | \$0                       |