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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

**Augusta, Maine
2020**

D. Other persons to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §2018, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

§2018. Restitution for benefit of victim

When compensation is awarded from the Victims' Compensation Fund pursuant to Title 5, chapter 316-A or the Victims' Property Compensation Fund pursuant to Title 5, chapter 316-C, the amount of any restitution ordered to be paid to or for the benefit of the victim and collected as part of a sentence imposed must be paid by the agency collecting the restitution in an amount not to exceed the amount of the payments from the fund, directly to the fund if, when added to the payments from the fund, the restitution exceeds the victim's actual loss.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technology-related modifications to allow the courts to assess additional fees.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$10,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 550

H.P. 1156 - L.D. 1597

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Purchases Made by Nonprofit Youth Camps

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§103 is enacted to read:

103. Nonprofit youth camps. Sales to nonprofit youth camps as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 16 that are licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services and receive an exemption from property tax under section 652, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs to create an exemption certificate.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$5,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect October 1, 2019.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 551

S.P. 567 - L.D. 1718

An Act To Exempt Purchases by Pet Food Pantries from Sales Tax

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§103 is enacted to read:

103. Pet food assistance organization. Sales to an incorporated nonprofit organization organized for the purpose of providing food or other supplies intended for pets at no charge to owners of those pets.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs to update the sales tax filing form.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$5,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect October 1, 2019.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 552

H.P. 1288 - L.D. 1808

An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Certain Nonprofit Charitable Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§103 is enacted to read:

103. Nonprofit worldwide charitable organizations. Sales to a nonprofit community-based worldwide charitable organization that, using private funding, provides financial support to other nonprofit charitable organizations at the community level, including, but not limited to, food banks and homeless or domestic violence shelters, to improve health and education and strengthen financial stability.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for programming costs related to creating a sales tax exemption certificate.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$15,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect October 1, 2019.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 553

H.P. 1164 - L.D. 1612

An Act Regarding the Presumption of Abandonment of Gift Obligations

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §2067, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 498, §22, is amended to read:

2. Amount unclaimed is 60%. The amount unclaimed of a gift obligation is 60% of the net obligation value at the time it is presumed abandoned, as follows:

A. For a gift obligation whose issuance or whose most recent transaction, whichever is later, occurred during calendar year 2019 or earlier, 60% of the net obligation value at the time it is presumed abandoned;

B. For a gift obligation whose issuance or whose most recent transaction, whichever is later, occurred during calendar year 2020, 40% of the net obligation value at the time it is presumed abandoned;

C. For a gift obligation whose issuance or whose most recent transaction, whichever is later, occurred during calendar year 2021, 20% of the net obligation value at the time it is presumed abandoned; and

D. For a gift obligation whose issuance or whose most recent transaction, whichever is later, occurred during calendar year 2022 or after, 0% of the net obligation value at the time it is presumed abandoned.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 554

H.P. 1430 - L.D. 2009

An Act To Permit the Expansion of Municipal Membership of the Greater Portland Transit District

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Greater Portland Transit District initiated a pilot project to provide express bus service between the City of Portland and the Town of Brunswick, called "Metro Breez," in coordination with participating municipalities located along the Metro Breez route; and

Whereas, as a result of Metro Breez's strong ridership performance, support among riders and businesses, the long-term potential to help relieve Interstate 295 congestion and the opportunity to help drive sustainable community and economic development, the district desires to transition Metro Breez from its pilot phase to a permanent regional transit service; and

Whereas, the participating municipalities support the continuation of Metro Breez as a permanent service and desire to join the board of directors of the district in order to participate in the development of the district's annual budget and establish the local contributions of the district's member municipalities to fund Metro Breez as a permanent service; and

Whereas, in accordance with the district's budget process as set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 3516, the board of directors of the district must initiate the budget process by preparing and submitting to the municipal officers of its member municipalities an estimated budget by November 1st of each year and must finalize its budget by March 1st of the subsequent year; and

Whereas, Title 30-A, section 3504 provides that the district may expand its membership to include other municipalities located wholly or partially within the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System,