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An Act To Encourage New Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) Presented by Representative DECHANT of Bath. Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. Public Hearing 01/30/18. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 03/28/18. Amended by: CA H-685, SA/CA S-425. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/04/18, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 361.

Original Bill

[LD 1781 \(128th Legis. 2018\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law

[LD 1781 / PL 2017, c. 361](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf128-LD-1781.pdf)

New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(H-685\) \(LD 1781 2018\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-425\) \(LD 1781 2018\) \(Passed\)](#)

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Enacted Law or Resolve

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News Articles

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- Proposed tax break a tax scam (Jason Rawn) (Times Record, 1/18/2018, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180118D.pdf)
- Enough is never enough for Bath Iron Works (Orlando Delogu) (Southern Forester, 1/19/2018, p. 9) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Southern Forecaster 180119E.pdf)
- King on '97 BIW tax credit- 'No regrets' (Nathan Strout) (Times Record, 1/29/2018, p. A1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180129A.pdf)
- Why support a \$60M corporate tax credit? Jobs (Editorial) (Times Record, 1/29/2018, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180129D.pdf)
- Clashing views on BIW bill (Nathan Strout) (Times Record, 1/31/2018, p. A1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180131A.pdf)
- Opponents urge legislators to curb Bath Iron Works tax break (Alex Lear) (Portland Press Herald, 2/2/2018, p. 1, 26) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Mid-Coast Forecaster 180202A.pdf)
- BIW bill gets split in half (Nathan Strout) (Times Record, 2/9/2018, p. A1) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180209-11A.pdf)
- Maine should support its shipbuilding industry, verify the results (Jennifer DeChant) (Kennebec Journal, 2/16/2018, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/KJ 180216B.pdf)
- Former BIW CEO- Maine fortunate to have shipyard (William Haggett) (Kennebec Journal, 2/20/2018, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/KJ 180220A.pdf)
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- BIW tax credit (Nathan Strout) (Times Record, 2/23/2018, p. A1, A14) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180223-25A.pdf)
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- Push to extend \$60 million tax break for Bath Iron Works clears key hurdle (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 3/7/2018, p. A5) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/BDN 180307B.pdf)

Legislative panel backs \$60 million in tax incentives for BIW (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 3/7/2018, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/PPH 180307D.pdf)

BIW tax credit passes first hurdle (Nathan Strout) (Times Record, 3/7/2018, p. A1) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180307A.pdf)

More corporate welfare is a poor use of Maine's tax dollars (Bruce K. Gagnon) (Bangor Daily News, 3/8/2018, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/BDN 180308D.pdf)

BIW gets tax credit, but \$15M less (Nathan Strout) (Times Record, 3/13/2018, p. A1, A12) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180313-14A.pdf)

Slimmer BIW tax break nears vote- critic ends hunger strike (Alex Lear) (Mid-Coast Forecaster, 3/23/2018, p. 1, 27) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Mid-Coast Forecaster 180323A.pdf)

BIW wins initial support for \$45 million tax break (Christopher Cousins) (Bangor Daily News, 3/28/2018, p. A5) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/BDN 180328D.pdf)

Maine House passes bill to provide BIW with \$45 million in tax incentives (Kevin Miller) (Portland Press Herald, 3/28/2018, p. B1, B4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/PPH 180328D.pdf)

Senate approves \$45M shipyard credit - Bill returns to House for another vote (Nathan Strout) (Sun-Journal, 3/28/2018, p. A1, A10) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Times Record 180328B.pdf)

With tax break bill on way to LePage, Bath Iron Works announces 31 layoffs (Beth Brogan) (Bangor Daily News, 3/31/2018, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/BDN 180331C.pdf)

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Most Knox legislators buck trend and oppose BIW tax breaks (Stephen Betts) (Courier-Gazette, 4/5/2018, p. A9) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Courier-Gazette 180405D.pdf)

As LePage OKs \$45M tax break, BIW union lashes out about layoffs (Beth Brogan) (Bangor Daily News, 4/6/2018, p. B1, B3) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/BDN 180406F.pdf)

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BIW got its tax break, should keep its promises (Editorial) (Times Record, 5/18/2018, p. A7) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Clip18232.PDF)

Bill benefiting Bath shipyard moves forward (Times Record staff) (Times Record, 5/25/2018, p. A4) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 128/LD17xx/nc128-LD-1781/Clip18274.PDF)

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