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House of Representatives, February 16, 2012

An Act To Review and Repeal Income Tax Return Checkoffs

Reported by Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls for the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1324.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5283**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt. A, §137, is further
3 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

5 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5284, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

6 **3. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

7 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5284-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

8 **4. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

9 **Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §5285, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

10 **4. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

11 **Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §5285-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

12 **4. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

13 **Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §5288-A, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

14 **3. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

15 **Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §5289, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

16 **3. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

17 **Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §5290, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

18 **3. Repeal.** This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

19 **Sec. 9. Notification and legislation.** By September 1, 2012, the Department of
20 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall notify the
21 entities to which payments are made as a result of the voluntary contributions checkoffs
22 through Maine income tax returns pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36,
23 sections 5283, 5284, 5284-A, 5285, 5285-A, 5288-A, 5289 and 5290 that, beginning in
24 2014, the schedule for the voluntary contributions checkoffs will be eliminated from the
25 Maine income tax return for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The Bureau
26 of Revenue Services shall consult with these entities to identify statutory changes
27 necessary as a result of this Act and, no later than December 15, 2012, shall submit a bill
28 to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature with those changes.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill eliminates the voluntary contributions checkoffs from the Maine income tax
31 return due in 2014 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. The bill

1 eliminates voluntary contributions checkoffs for political parties, the Maine Endangered
2 and Nongame Wildlife Fund, the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, the Maine
3 Children's Trust Incorporated, the Bone Marrow Screening Fund, the Maine Military
4 Family Relief Fund, the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Maintenance Fund and the
5 Maine Asthma and Lung Disease Research Fund, which are currently included in Part A
6 of Schedule CP of the Maine income tax return. It requires the Department of
7 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to notify the entities
8 to which payments are made as a result of the voluntary contributions checkoffs that,
9 beginning in 2014, the schedule for these checkoffs will be eliminated from the Maine
10 income tax return for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. It requires the
11 Bureau of Revenue Services to consult with these entities to identify statutory changes
12 necessary as a result of this bill and, no later than December 15, 2012, to submit a bill to
13 the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature with those changes.