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TAXATION COMMITTEE

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BILLS CARRIED OVER FROM THE 1ST REG SESSION

LD	LR	PH	WS	SPONSOR	TITLE	SUMMARY (Summaries may not reflect content of most recent committee action)	COMM ACTION	FISCAL IMPACT ¹	
								FY18	FY19
16	515			Foley	An Act To Exempt Certain Individuals Who Are 70 Years of Age or Older from Maine Income Tax	Provides a 100% income tax exemption for a retired individual who is 70 years of age or older.			
26	601			Cebra	An Act To Lower the Maine Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	This bill reduces motor vehicle excise tax mill rates by 10% each year beginning with 2018 registration years until the rates reach 50% of the current rates in 2022 and subsequent years.			
27	503	2/1		Turner	An Act To Exempt Sales to Parent-Teacher Organizations from the Sales Tax	This bill provides a sales tax exemption to parent-teacher organizations organized as public benefit corporations.			
72	891			Pouliot	An Act To Clarify the Tax Laws for Title to Real Estate by Releasing Inheritance Tax Liens	This bill releases a lien on real property for inheritance tax resulting from a death occurring before July 1, 1986, when the inheritance tax was replaced by the estate tax.			
73	473			Mastraccio	An Act To Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Certain Persons Who Are at Least 75 Years of Age	This bill raises the homestead property tax exemption to \$50,000 for persons who are 75 years of age or older and claimed the homestead as a permanent residence for 10 or more years. The bill requires the State to reimburse municipalities for 100% of the property taxes lost as a result of the increase in the exemption.			
74	474			Mastraccio	An Act To Realign the State-Municipal Revenue Sharing Distribution	The bill proposes to realign the percentage of revenue from the sales and use taxes, the service provider tax and the income taxes that is transferred monthly from the General Fund to the Local Government Fund under state-municipal revenue sharing.			
75	1099	2/1		Spear	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Materials and Equipment That Enable Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities To Remain in Their Homes	This bill provides a sales tax exemption for materials and equipment determined by the Maine State Housing Authority to enable homestead accessibility for an individual who is 75 years of age or older or an individual with a disability or physical hardship to permit the individual to remain in the individual's home.			
76	133	2/1		Tepler	An Act To Exempt Diapering Products from the Sales Tax	This bill provides a sales tax exemption for disposable and reusable diapers for children, diaper covers and wraps that are used with reusable diapers and diaper pins.			

¹ . Numbers may represent preliminary estimates and are subject to change. For more detail, please see fiscal note documents in LD file.

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77	79			Espling	An Act To Exempt from Maine Income Tax Income Earned by Members of the Armed Services While on Active Duty	This bill provides an income tax exemption for military compensation for active duty service by members of the armed forces of the United States when that service is performed within the State. Military compensation for service performed outside of the State is currently exempt from taxation.			
79	552	2/1		Langley	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Career and Technical Student Organizations	This bill provides a sales tax exemption to nonprofit career and technical education student organizations recognized by the Department of Education.			
82	344			Diamond	An Act To Exempt Permanently Disabled Veterans from Payment of Property Tax	This bill provides a complete property tax exemption in the municipality of residence for a veteran receiving benefits based on a rating of 100% for a service-connected disability.			
91	1189			Davis	An Act To Provide an Income Tax Credit for Retailers Collecting Sales Tax	This bill provides an income tax credit of \$100 for retailers who collect, report and remit to the State more than \$1,000 in sales tax during the tax year.			
116	119			Golden	An Act To Increase Funding for Multimodal Transportation	This bill increases the sales tax on short-term rentals of automobiles, small trucks and vans from 10% to 15% to provide funding for multimodal transportation. The increase takes effect October 1, 2017.			
117	1086			Alley	An Act To Strengthen the Farm and Open Space Tax Law	This bill provides that a landowner with acreage classified under the farm and open space tax law who wishes to add contiguous acreage to a previously classified acreage must demonstrate to the assessor that the additional acreage separately meets the definition of "farmland" that is eligible for classification.			
133	620			Bellows	An Act To Support Lower Property Taxes by Restoring State-Municipal Revenue Sharing	Current law reduces the amount transferred to the Local Government Fund for state-municipal revenue sharing from 5% to 2% for fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19. This bill gradually restores the percentage transferred for state-municipal revenue sharing by increasing the percentage transferred to the Local Government Fund to 3% for fiscal year 2017-18 and to 4% for fiscal year 2018-19. Following fiscal year 2018-19, the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing is scheduled to return to 5%.			