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## An Act to Lower the State's Individual Income Tax

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senators: KEIM of Oxford, LIBBY of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: BOYER of Poland, SAMPSON of Alfred.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:		
2 3	Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§1-F amended to read:	, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. DD, §3, is	
4 5 6	1-F. Single individuals and married persons filing separate returns; tax years beginning 2017 to 2022. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2023, for single individuals and married persons filing separate returns:		
7 8 9 10 11 12	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$21,050 At least \$21,050 but less than \$50,000 \$50,000 or more	The tax is: 5.8% of the Maine taxable income \$1,221 plus 6.75% of the excess over \$21,050 \$3,175 plus 7.15% of the excess over \$50,000	
13	Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§1-G is enacted to read:		
14 15 16	1-G. Single individuals and married persons filing separate returns; tax years 2023 and 2024. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2025, for single individuals and married persons filing separate returns:		
17 18 19 20 21	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$23,000 At least \$23,000 but less than \$54,450 \$54,450 or more	The tax is: 5.2% of the Maine taxable income \$1,196 plus 6.3% of the excess over \$23,000 \$3,457 plus 7.05% of the excess over \$54,450	
22	Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§1-H	is enacted to read:	
23 24 25	1-H. Single individuals and married persons filing separate returns; tax years beginning 2025. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, for single individuals and married persons filing separate returns:		
26 27 28 29	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$23,000 At least \$23,000 but less than \$54,450 \$54,450 or more	The tax is: 5% of the Maine taxable income \$1,150 plus 6% of the excess over \$23,000 \$3,037 plus 7% of the excess over \$54,450	
30 31	<b>Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§2-F,</b> as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. DD, §5, is amended to read:		
32 33 34	<b>2-F. Heads of households; tax years beginning 2017</b> to 2022. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2023, for unmarried individuals or legally separated individuals who qualify as heads of households:		
35 36 37 38 39	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$31,550 At least \$31,550 but less than \$75,000 \$75,000 or more	The tax is: 5.8% of the Maine taxable income \$1,830 plus 6.75% of the excess over \$31,550 \$4,763 plus 7.15% of the excess over	
40 41	Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§2-G	\$75,000	
	500. 5. 50 MINSA 35111, 500-92-0	is chacted to read.	

1 2	2-G. Heads of households; tax years 2023 and 2024. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2025, for unmarried individuals or legally		
3	separated individuals who qualify as heads of households:		
4 5 6 7 8	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$34,500 At least \$34,500 but less than \$81,700 \$81,700 or more	The tax is: 5.2% of the Maine taxable income \$1,794 plus 6.3% of the excess over \$34,500 \$4,768 plus 7.05% of the excess over \$81,700	
9	Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§2-F	· · · · · ·	
10 11 12	2-H. Heads of households; tax years beginning 2025. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, for unmarried individuals or legally separated individuals who qualify as heads of households:		
13 14 15 16	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$34,500 At least \$34,500 but less than \$81,700 \$81,700 or more	The tax is: 5% of the Maine taxable income \$1,725 plus 6% of the excess over \$34,500 \$4,557 plus 7% of the excess over \$81,700	
17 18	<b>Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§3-F,</b> as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. DD, §7, is amended to read:		
19 20 21 22	3-F. Individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses; tax years beginning 2017 to 2022. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017 but before January 1, 2023, for individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses permitted to file a joint return:		
23 24 25 26 27	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$42,100 At least \$42,100 but less than \$100,000 \$100,000 or more	The tax is: 5.8% of the Maine taxable income \$2,442 plus 6.75% of the excess over \$42,100 \$6,350 plus 7.15% of the excess over	
28	\$100,000 or more	\$100,000	
29	Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§3-G is enacted to read:		
30 31 32 33	3-G. Individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses; tax years 2023 and 2024. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 but before January 1, 2025, for individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses permitted to file a joint return:		
34 35 36 37 38	If Maine taxable income is: Less than \$46,000 At least \$46,000 but less than \$108,900 \$108,900 or more	The tax is: 5.2% of the Maine taxable income \$2,392 plus 6.3% of the excess over \$46,000 \$6,355 plus 7.05% of the excess over \$108,900	
39	Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§3-H	I is enacted to read:	
40 41 42	3-H. Individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses; tax years beginning 2025. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, for individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses permitted to file a joint return:		

1	If Maine taxable income is:	The tax is:	
2	<u>Less than \$46,000</u>	5% of the Maine taxable income	
3	At least \$46,000 but less than \$108,900	\$2,300 plus 6% of the excess over \$46,000	
4	\$108,900 or more	\$6,074 plus 7% of the excess over \$108,900	
5	Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§1,	, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. DD,	
6	§33, is amended to read:		
7	A. Beginning in 2016 and each year thereafter, by the lowest dollar amounts of the tax		
8	rate tables specified in section 5111, subsections 1-F <del>, 2-F and 3-F</del> to 3-H, except that		
9	for the purposes of this paragraph, notwithstanding section 5402, subsection 1-B, the		
10	"cost-of-living adjustment" is the Chained Consumer Price Index for the 12-month		
11	period ending June 30th of the preceding calendar year divided by the Chained		
12	Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2015; and		
13	SUMMARY		
14	This bill decreases the tax rates imposed on individual income tax brackets as follows:		
15 16	1. For tax years 2023 and 2024, the ta 7.15% to 5.2%, 6.3% and 7.05%, respective	ax rates are decreased from 5.8%, 6.75% and ely; and	
17	2. Beginning with tax year 2025, the ra	tes are decreased to 5%, 6% and 7%.	