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# PH 4/13/2023

**TAXATION COMMITTEE  
131<sup>st</sup> LEGISLATURE  
1st REG SESSION**

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LD	LR	PH	WS	SPONSOR	TITLE	SUMMARY (Summaries may not reflect content of most recent committee action)	COMM ACTION	FISCAL IMPACT <sup>1</sup>	
								FY24	FY25
695	570	4/13	4/30	Kuhn	An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Land Trusts from Sales Tax	This bill provides a <u>sales exemption</u> for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>sales to an incorporated nonprofit land trust</u></li> <li>2. <u>if the tangible personal property or taxable services sold are to be used primarily for the purposes for which the land trust was organized.</u></li> </ol>			
1075	800	4/13	4/20	Daughtry	An Act to Promote Economic Growth Through Increased Film Incentives	This bill makes <u>multiple changes to the tax credits available to visual media production companies operating in the State. The bill:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>makes the available tax credits refundable and transferable,</u></li> <li>2. <u>increases the credits for certain expenses incurred in Maine and for hiring residents of Maine and</u></li> <li>3. <u>offers additional credits for visual media productions that are located in certain Maine counties, are set in Maine or have a lead cast member, writer or director who is a Maine resident.</u></li> <li>4. <u>reduces the total expenditures needed to qualify for the credits,</u></li> <li>5. <u>extends the time period for visual media production companies to certify with the DECD and</u></li> <li>6. <u>sets a \$500,000 limit on the total value of the tax credits that increases to \$1,000,000 after January 1, 2027.</u></li> </ol> The bill makes other changes necessary for these <u>provisions</u>			

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1147	427	4/13	4/20	Brakey	An Act to Exempt Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion from the State Income Tax	This bill exempts (subtraction modification) from <u>Maine income tax the capital gains and ordinary income resulting from the sale or transfer of gold or silver coins or bullion.</u>			
1276	1824	4/13	4/20	Reny	An Act to Create and Sustain Jobs and Affordable Housing Through the Development of Cooperatives and Employee-owned Businesses	<p>This bill does the following to support employee-owned businesses and cooperatives.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It <u>excludes from Maine income tax</u> the amount of <u>gain, up to a maximum of \$750,000,</u> recognized by a business owner <u>in transferring the business to an employee stock ownership plan, eligible worker-owned cooperative, consumer cooperative, affordable housing cooperative or agriculture producer cooperative.</u></li> <li>2. It <u>excludes from Maine income tax interest from loans that finance transfers of ownership</u> as provide in item 1.</li> <li>3. It requires the DECD, Office of Business Development to contract with a nonprofit development organization with relevant expertise to develop and manage the Maine Employee Ownership Center to provide information and programs to assist businesses in the transition to employee or cooperative ownership.</li> <li>4. It <u>specifies performance measures</u> for OPEGA/GOC tax expenditure review process.</li> </ol>			

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1313	424	4/13	4/20	Grohoski	An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit	<p><b>Current law:</b> requires that for a business to receive the credit for "major business headquarters expansion" the <u>business must, for the first 10 years for which the credit is claimed, have at least 80 additional full-time employees for each year for which the credit has been claimed over the number of employees on the first day of the tax year for which the credit is claimed.</u></p> <p><b>This bill (retroactive to 1/1/21):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>allows employees working anywhere in the State, not just at the applicant's headquarters, to be counted as employees for purposes of the credit and</u></li> <li><u>changes the time for determining the number of new employees added on or after January 1, 2018; rather than the first day of the first year for which the tax credit is claimed.</u></li> </ol> <p><u>The changes made in this bill are retroactive to January 1, 2021.</u></p>			
1337	1529	4/13	4/20	Matlack	An Act to Require a Corporation That Files a Tax Return in the State to File a Tax Disclosure Statement	<p>This bill requires a corporation to file a tax disclosure statement with MRS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It requires <u>MRS to adopt major substantive rules for the procedures to provide public access to the tax disclosure statements at least 3 calendar years following the tax year of the filing and to adopt major substantive rules for oversight and penalties for failing to file or filing an inaccurate tax disclosure statement.</u> It permits a corporation to submit supplemental information that could facilitate proper interpretation of the information included in the tax disclosure statement.</li> <li>It requires a <u>corporation that files an amended tax return or with a tax liability that is changed as the result of an uncontested audit adjustment or final determination by the bureau, the Maine Board of Tax Appeals or Superior Court to file a revised</u></li> </ol>			

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						<p><u>tax disclosure statement within 60 calendar days of filing the amended return or the final determination.</u></p> <p>3. It requires <u>the MRS to make the tax disclosure statement available to the public</u> on an ongoing basis in the form of a <u>searchable database accessible through the Internet.</u></p> <p>4. It requires the <u>chief operating officer of a corporation to attest in writing to the accuracy of the tax disclosure statement.</u></p> <p>5. It <u>requires MRS to audit</u> a corporation's tax disclosure.</p> <p>6. It requires the <u>MRS to publish the name of and penalty imposed upon a corporation subject to a penalty for failing to file or filing an inaccurate tax disclosure statement.</u></p>			
1386	213			Pouliot	An Act to Require That a Completed Form for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Be Provided to a Person Purchasing a Home	This bill requires the settlement agent for the conveyance of residential real property to provide the buyer a completed application for the Maine resident homestead property tax exemption. If the buyer signs the application, the settlement agent is required to submit it to the municipal assessor for the residential real property being conveyed.			