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An Act To Review and Repeal Income Tax Return Checkoffs

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

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

This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

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 This section is repealed December 31, 2013.

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

SUMMARY

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