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An Act To Reserve for County Government One Percent of the Excise Tax Revenue from the Sale of Retail Marijuana

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1817, sub-§7, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 5, §3, is amended to read:

7. Application of tax revenues. All sales tax revenue collected pursuant to this section must be deposited in the General Fund, except that 1% of the revenue must be provided to the counties to offset the costs of planning, policy development, monitoring and enforcement with respect to the Marijuana Legalization Act. Sales tax revenue derived from the sale of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products may not be used to directly fund any new state programs except that this revenue may be appropriated to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for the purpose of training law enforcement personnel on retail marijuana and retail marijuana products laws and rules. Funds appropriated to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy pursuant to this subsection may be used only for the actual costs incurred to provide the necessary education and training of law enforcement personnel.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect February 1, 2018.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that 1% of the revenue from sales tax imposed on the sale of retail marijuana and retail marijuana products be provided to the counties to offset the costs of planning, policy development, monitoring and enforcement with respect to the Marijuana Legalization Act.