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In Senate, June 3, 2019

**An Act To Authorize Limited Disclosure of Cigarette Sales
Information To Ensure Continued Receipt of Tobacco Settlement
Funds**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1580-L, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 439, §1, is
3 repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 **10. Disclosure of information.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
5 contrary, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue
6 Services is authorized to disclose to the Attorney General any tax information received by
7 the Bureau of Revenue Services and requested by the Attorney General for purposes of
8 determining compliance with and enforcing the provisions of this section. The Attorney
9 General may share any information received under this section, other than information
10 received from the Bureau of Revenue Services, with:

11 A. Federal, state or local agencies but only for purposes of enforcement of this
12 section, subchapter 3 or corresponding laws of other states; and

13 B. Courts, arbitrators, data clearinghouses or similar entities for the purpose of
14 assessing compliance with, resolving disputes arising under or making calculations
15 required by the Master Settlement Agreement or agreements resolving disputes
16 arising under the Master Settlement Agreement, and with counsel for the parties or
17 expert witnesses in any such proceeding, if the information otherwise remains
18 confidential.

19 The Attorney General shall provide notice to the Department of Administrative and
20 Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services of those persons certified under this
21 section.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill authorizes the Attorney General to share information received under the
24 laws governing tobacco product manufacturers, other than information received from the
25 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, with
26 courts, arbitrators, data clearinghouses or similar entities for the purpose of assessing
27 compliance with, resolving disputes arising under or making calculations required by the
28 Master Settlement Agreement or agreements resolving disputes arising under the Master
29 Settlement Agreement, and with counsel for the parties or expert witnesses in any such
30 proceeding, if the information otherwise remains confidential.