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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 122, L.D. 164, Bill, “An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program”

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3372 in subsection 10 by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 4, lines 21 to 25 in L.D.)

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3372 by inserting after subsection 10 the following:

'11. Dedicated state funding; repeal. By October 1, 2015 and October 1, 2016, the State Controller shall transfer to the program trust fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor, that is equivalent to 1/2 of the revenue received from the sales tax imposed on the sale of consumer fireworks pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 in the prior fiscal year starting on the effective date of this subsection. This subsection is repealed September 30, 2017.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §3372 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 (page 8, lines 29 to 41 and page 9, lines 1 to 17 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine Length of Service Award Program N163**

Initiative: Allocates funds for the Maine Length of Service Award Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$115,000	\$115,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$115,000	\$115,000

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development, eliminates the 10% sales tax on consumer fireworks proposed in the bill. The program established in the bill will receive dedicated funding from the State equivalent to 50% of the revenue received from the general sales tax currently imposed on the sale of consumer fireworks as set out in the bill, but the amendment limits this funding to 2 years.

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.