**An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption**

L.D. 1448

Date: (Filing No. H- )

**Taxation**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “      ” to H.P. 1064, L.D. 1448, “An Act To Increase State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Homestead Property Tax Exemption”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §683, sub-§1-B,** as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. H, §2, is further amended to read:

**1-B. Additional exemption.**  A homestead eligible for an exemption under subsection 1 is eligible for an additional exemption of $5,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on April 1, 2016, $10,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on April 1, 2017, April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2019 ~~and~~, $15,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on ~~or after~~ April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021 and $20,000 of the just value of the homestead for property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2022.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.**  The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the homestead property tax exemption from $25,000 to $30,000 effective April 1, 2022.

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| **GENERAL FUND** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** |
| All Other | $0 | $14,509,293 |
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| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | $0 | $14,509,293 |

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment increases the total homestead property tax exemption from $25,000 to $30,000 beginning April 1, 2022. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

**(See attached)**