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**STATE OF MAINE
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130TH LEGISLATURE
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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 155, L.D. 220, “An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021”

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part Z and inserting the following:

PART Z

Sec. Z-1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶WW is enacted to read:

WW. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020 but not later than December 31, 2020, for a taxpayer with a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$150,000, the total amount of unemployment compensation, up to \$10,200, received by the taxpayer or, in the case of a joint return, received by each spouse, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income pursuant to the Code, Section 85.

Sec. Z-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the one-time printing and postage costs required for an informational postcard campaign to recipients of unemployment compensation benefits.

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$65,830	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$65,830</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment strikes Part Z, which provides a tax exemption of up to \$10,200 in unemployment compensation. Instead, this amendment, consistent with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H. R. 1319, currently pending in the United States Congress, exempts up to \$10,200 per recipient of unemployment compensation benefits received during 2020 from Maine individual income tax for taxpayers with a federal adjusted gross income of less than \$150,000. The amendment also provides funds to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to educate and inform taxpayers about the income tax deduction for unemployment compensation.

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