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LD	LR	PH	WS	SPONSOR	TITLE	SUMMARY (Summaries may not reflect content of most recent committee action)	COMM ACTION	FISCAL IMPACT ¹	
								FY18	FY19
1655	2770			Dow	An Act To Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes	DAFS bill: This bill updates references to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 24 contained in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36 to refer to the United States Internal 25 Revenue Code of 1986 as amended through December 31, 2017 for tax years beginning 26 on or after January 1, 2017 and for any prior tax years as specifically provided by the 27 United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. This bill primarily affects the 28 State's income tax laws.			
1660	2769			Hilliard	Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory	DAFS bill: This resolve authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the interest of the State in 34 several parcels of real estate in the Unorganized Territory.			
1669	2459			Fecteau	An Act Regarding Levies Placed on Accounts at Financial Institutions for Unpaid State Income Taxes	This bill requires a financial institution, in a case in which a delinquent taxpayer's accounts have been levied for unpaid state income taxes to satisfy the levy first from accounts held solely by the delinquent taxpayer, next from accounts held jointly by the delinquent taxpayer and the delinquent taxpayer's spouse and last from accounts held jointly by the delinquent taxpayer and a 3 rd party.			
1680	2691	1/22		Bailey	An Act To Create an Access to Justice Income Tax Credit	This bill provides an income tax credit for 5 years for attorneys who begin the practice of law in the State and agree to practice for at least 5 years in an underserved area of the State as determined by the Board of Overseers of the Bar. Eligibility for the credit is open from 2019 through 2024. The board may certify up to 5 eligible attorneys each year. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters is directed to review the effectiveness of the credit and may submit legislation to extend or			

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1687	2509			Dill	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Calculation of Excise Tax on Automobiles	This bill changes the method of computing the excise tax that is levied on motor vehicles and camper trailers registered in the State. With the exception of certain commercial motor vehicles and buses and special mobile equipment, current law requires that the excise tax be based upon the maker's list price for the motor vehicle. This bill requires that the excise tax on motor vehicles and camper trailers be based on the purchase price of the vehicle for the first year and on the maker's list price for all succeeding years. Either the original bill of sale or the state sales tax document may be used to verify the purchase price.			
1721	2490	1/16		Hilliard	An Act To Require Room Remarketers and Operators of Transient Rental Platforms To Be Registered for the Collection and Reporting of Sales Taxes	This bill expands the provision for sellers required to register to collect and report sales taxes to include online real property rental platforms. The bill adds definitions for "room remarketer" and "transient rental platform," and the definition for "sale price" is amended to include as consideration receipts by room remarketers and transient rental platform operators. The changes apply to sales occurring on or after October 1, 2018.			
1722	2711	1/16		Stanley	An Act To Encourage Computer Data Center Development by Providing a Sales Tax Refund or Exemption	This bill provides a sales tax refund or exemption for the purchase of eligible server equipment, eligible power infrastructure and electronic data storage and data management services by an eligible computer data center that begins operation between October 1, 2018 and October 1, 2021. A qualifying business must add at least 20 full-time jobs with above-average wages within 6 years after the business first becomes eligible or the amount of refunded or exempt taxes plus interest will be recaptured by the State.			
1723	2598	1/22		Herbig	An Act To Expand Job Opportunities for People Working in Maine	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to expand job opportunities for people working in this State.			
1734	2587	1/16		Thibodeau	An Act To Clarify the Sales Tax Exemption for Vehicles Used in	This bill clarifies the exemption from sales and use tax for instrumentalities of interstate or foreign commerce by specifying that property waiting to be loaded or			

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					Interstate or Foreign Commerce	unloaded or not being used while being repaired or maintained is considered to be placed in use in interstate or foreign commerce as long as the intended next use of that property is interstate or foreign commerce. This bill provides that a trailer being used by an entity other than the owner is eligible for the exemption as long as there is a written transportation agreement between the owner and the other entity. This bill provides a definition of "interstate or foreign commerce" that is the same as the definition of "interstate commerce" in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. This bill also specifies that the changes made in the bill apply to any ongoing audit or investigation being conducted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services.			
1744	2658	1/22		Jackson	An Act To Create the Hire American Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Residents of the United States	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. This bill proposes to encourage the employment of Maine residents who are in the logging industry by providing a tax credit to businesses located in the United States that employ Maine residents who are engaged in logging and trucking in Maine.			
1755	2814	1/16		Herbig	An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Heating Assistance Organizations	This bill provides an exemption from the sales and use tax to incorporated nonprofit organizations whose purpose is to provide residential heating assistance to low-income individuals.			
1758	2478	1/22		Fredette	An Act To Strengthen Maine Families with Children by Changing the Income Tax Laws	This bill, for tax years beginning in or after 2018: 1. Doubles the amount of the earned income tax credit a taxpayer may claim to 10% of the federal earned income credit; and 2. Enacts a new child tax credit to allow a taxpayer a credit in an amount equal to the federal child tax credit, which is an amount up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child the taxpayer supports during the tax year. The credit is refundable only to the extent that the federal additional child tax credit is refundable and only for individuals filing as residents or part-year residents.			

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1765	2635			Parry	An Act To Provide a Source of Revenue To Preserve the Integrity of Maine's Transportation Infrastructure	This bill diverts 10% of the sales tax revenue on the sale of motor vehicles and motor vehicle-related items from the General Fund to the Highway Fund and 2% of that revenue from the General Fund to the Multimodal Transportation Fund.			
1781	2789			DeCHANT	An Act To Encourage New Major Investments in Shipbuilding Facilities and the Preservation of Jobs	<p>For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020 and continuing for the next 19 years, this bill provides a tax incentive for major investments in a shipbuilding facility and the preservation of jobs at that shipbuilding facility by allowing the shipbuilding facility an annual income tax credit equal to 3% of the shipbuilding facility's total qualified investment, as long as certain employment levels are maintained. In order to qualify for the credit, the shipbuilding facility must make expenditures after January 1, 2018 of at least \$100,000,000 that are related to the construction, improvement, modernization or expansion of the shipbuilding facility and maintain at least 5,000 employees. If the shipbuilding facility employs at least 5,250 employees, the facility is entitled to an amount equal to 110% of the credit. The facility may employ fewer than 5,000 employees in 2 separate years within the 20-year period and still qualify for the credit, but at a prorated reduction.</p> <p>The purpose of this bill is to encourage major investments in shipbuilding facilities in this State, to ensure the long-term survival of the shipbuilding industry, to preserve numerous opportunities for jobs for the people of this State and to make the State more competitive in the shipbuilding industry and thus ensure the preservation and betterment of the economy of the State for the benefit of its people.</p>			