

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

—
S.P. 705 - L.D. 1699

**An Act To Provide Relief for Significant Reductions in Municipal Property
Fiscal Capacity**

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

Sec. 1. Property fiscal capacity determination for fiscal year 2016-17 for municipality with decline in valuation. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15672, subsection 23, paragraph C, for fiscal year 2016-17, if a municipality's 2016 certified state valuation declines in an amount that is greater than 4.5% from the next most recently certified state valuation and that decline is due to the loss in value attributable to a single taxpayer, the State Tax Assessor shall certify to the Commissioner of Education that the municipality's property fiscal capacity is the average of the 2016 certified state valuation for that municipality and the property fiscal capacity under Title 20-A, section 15672, subsection 23, paragraph C.

Sec. 2. Maintenance of mill rate for fiscal year 2016-17. The Commissioner of Education shall identify savings resulting from unused debt service in order to maintain the mill rate expectation of 8.30 for fiscal year 2016-17 as established in Public Law 2015, chapter 389, Part C, section 11, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A.