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An Act To Conform Business Expense Deductions to Federal Law

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§1, ¶N, as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. CCC, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

N. With respect to property placed in service during the taxable year, an amount equal to the net increase in depreciation or expensing attributable to:

(1) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 but prior to January 1, 2006, a 30% bonus depreciation deduction claimed by the taxpayer pursuant to Section 101 of the federal Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, Public Law 107-147 with respect to property placed in service during the taxable year;

(2) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2002 but prior to January 1, 2006, a 50% bonus depreciation deduction claimed by the taxpayer pursuant to Section 201 of the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, Public Law 108-27 with respect to property placed in service during the taxable year; and

(3) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003 <u>but prior to January 1, 2011</u>, the increase in aggregate cost under Section 179 of the Code arising from amendments to the Code applicable to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003;

SUMMARY

This bill permits businesses to claim business expense deductions for purchases to the same extent as permitted under federal income tax law.