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### **An Act To Increase the Income Tax Surcharge Threshold Imposed on Households**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative COREY of Windham and  
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, DOW of Lincoln, HILL of York, SAVIELLO of Franklin,  
Representative: MAREAN of Hollis.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§6, ¶A,** as enacted by IB 2015, c. 4, §2, is  
3 amended to read:

4 A. For tax years beginning ~~on or after January 1, in~~ 2017, in addition to any other tax  
5 imposed by this chapter, a tax at the rate of 3% is imposed on that portion of the  
6 taxpayer's Maine taxable income in excess of \$200,000.

7 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5111, sub-§6, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

8 A-1. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, in addition to any other tax  
9 imposed by this chapter, a tax at the rate of 3% is imposed on that portion of the  
10 taxpayer's Maine taxable income in excess of:

11 (1) For single individuals and married persons filing separate returns, \$200,000;

12 (2) For unmarried individuals or legally separated individuals who qualify as  
13 heads of households, \$300,000; and

14 (3) For individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses permitted to  
15 file a joint return, \$400,000.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill amends the 3% surcharge imposed on individual taxable income over  
18 \$200,000 to increase the threshold, for tax years beginning after 2017, to \$300,000 for  
19 taxpayers filing as heads of households and to \$400,000 for taxpayers filing married joint  
20 returns or surviving spouses permitted to file a joint return. Single individuals and  
21 married persons filing separate returns are still subject to the surcharge on taxable income  
22 over \$200,000.