

## **MAINE TAX ALERT**

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## MRS Rulemaking Activity Proposed Rules

*New* Rule 325, "Sales to Tribes, Tribal Members, and Tribal Entities." MRS is proposing to adopt new Rule 325 to reflect recently enacted legislation. Rule 325 provides definitions, explanations, and examples of taxable and non-taxable transactions related to sales to Maine Indian tribes, tribal members, and tribal entities, including sales sourced to tribal lands. The rule also addresses other potential sales and use tax issues, including: requirements for qualifying as a "tribal entity;" sourcing complexities related to transactions and the use of property located within both tribal and non-tribal land; specific requirements for the sale of vehicles; and the treatment and reporting of sales to non-tribal members on tribal land.

**Rule 803, "Income Tax Withholding Reports and Payments."** MRS is proposing to amend Rule 803 to reflect recently enacted legislation that provides for the following: an income tax withholding exemption for enrolled tribal members residing on tribal land in Maine with income derived from or connected with sources on tribal land in Maine, an income tax withholding exemption for out-of-state suppliers of spirits sold to the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations ("BABLO"), and to make other technical updates.

*New* Rule 825, "Tribal Member Income from Sources on Tribal Land." MRS is proposing to adopt new Rule 825 to reflect recently enacted legislation. Rule 825 provides income modifications for Maine individual income tax purposes for enrolled tribal members residing on tribal land in Maine with income derived from or connected with sources on tribal land in Maine.

Proposed rules are available on MRS's website, at <u>www.maine.gov/revenue/publications/rules</u>, under "Current MRS Rulemaking Activity." Comments on the proposed rulemaking for Rules 325, 803, and 825 are due by <u>July 7, 2023</u>, and must be directed to Alex Weber, General Counsel, either by email at <u>alexander.j.weber@maine.gov</u> or by mail at P.O. Box 1060, Augusta, ME 04332-1060.

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## **Fraud Alert**

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Suggestions for the Tax Alert?

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