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## STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT" A" to S.P. 421, L.D. 1315, Bill, "AN ACT to Permit Municipalities to Issue Bonds under the Municipal Securities Approval Act for Water Supply System Projects."

Amend the bill by inserting after section 10 the following:

'Sec. 10-A. 30 MRSA §5328, sub-§3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 728, §6, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

- A water supply system project shall be certified only if:
  - A. The project is within the purpose of the water company charter; and
  - B. Without approval under this section, the project could not be undertaken because completion of the project would threaten the financial condition of the water supply company to such an extent that it would hinder the delivery of current service.'

## Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to prevent water companies from escaping their legal responsibility to provide water supply service by requiring municipalities to issue bonds to finance water supply system projects. This amendment allows municipalities to issue bonds for water supply system projects only if

the projects are within the scope of the company authority and if the projects would threaten the financial condition of the company to the point that current services would be jeopardized.

Filed by Mr. Davies of Orono Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. 5/16/79 (Filing No. H-445)