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	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
_	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
L	egislative Document No. 1477
Н	I.P. 1120 House of Representatives, April 14, 1983
a	Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
	resented by Representative Carter of Winslow. Cosponsors: Speaker Martin of Eagle Lake, Senator Najarian of rumberland and Senator Conley of Cumberland.
	STATE OF MAINE
_	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
	AN ACT to Require any Applicant for Guaranteed Loans from the Maine Guarantee Authority to Issue Insured Industrial Development Bonds Prior to Acceptance of any Loan Moneys that have been Guaranteed by the Maine Guarantee Authority.
	e it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as ollows:
	10 MRSA §1010 is enacted to read:
<u>§</u>	1010. Insured or guaranteed loans for industrial projects
a	1. Consideration of application. The Maine Guar- ntee Authority, prior to its consideration of an pplication for an insured or guaranteed industrial evelopment loan or bonds shall require the applicant o apply to reputable firms for insured industrial

development bonds. The Maine Guarantee Authority
shall not consider the issuance or the guarantee of a
loan or bonds for an industrial project unless the
applicant:

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- A. Provides satisfactory evidence that applications to secure insured industrial development bonds through reputable firms have been denied; or
- 9 B. Provides satisfactory evidence that an application to secure insured industrial development bonds through a reputable firm have been approved and the total cost of the project exceeds \$2,500,000.
- The Maine Guarantee Authority shall not insure or guarantee the initial \$2,500,000 of any and all loans for an industrial project or issue bonds for the initial \$2,500,000 of an industrial project which is to be insured by a reputable industrial development bond insurance firm.
 - 2. First mortgage or first lien on assets. The Maine Guarantee Authority shall insure or guarantee an industrial loan or issue bonds only for which it is the first mortgagee or holds a first lien on assets satisfactory to support the mortgage or lien. The Maine Guarantee Authority, together with a reputable industrial development bond insurance firm, may divide and determine the assets upon which each shall be the first mortgagee or secure the first lien.
- 3. Exclusions. This section shall not pertain to commercial, recreational or other nonindustrial projects.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide more security for the State with respect to industrial development projects funded by the Maine Guarantee Authority and to make more moneys available for economic development. The means by which this purpose is achieved is as follows:

1. The applicant to the Maine Guarantee Authority is required to apply for insured industrial development bonds from a reputable firm prior to Maine Guarantee Authority consideration of the project.

2. The Maine Guarantee Authority will insure or guarantee a loan or issue bonds for industrial projects which are insured by an industrial development bond insurance firm only for projects which exceed \$2,500,000. The Maine Guarantee Authority will not insure or guarantee the first \$2,500,000 of any and all loans secured by an applicant for an industrial project.

In the event that an applicant is unable to obtain insured industrial development bond insurance through a firm, the Maine Guarantee Authority may consider the application of the applicant to determine whether the Maine Guarantee Authority will participate in the venture.

Only industrial projects are subject to the provisions of this bill. Presently there are industrial bond insurance firms that will provide up to \$2,500,000 of industrial bond insurance for industrial projects. By allowing these firms to participate in the industrial guaranteed loans offered by the Maine Guarantee Authority, the liability of the State is diminished.

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