

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 342

In Senate, March 7, 2019

### An Act To Expand Tax Increment Financing

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and  
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §13, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Costs of improvements that are made outside the tax increment financing district  
5 but are directly related to or are made necessary by the establishment or operation of  
6 the district, including, but not limited to:

7 (1) That portion of the costs reasonably related to the construction, alteration or  
8 expansion of any facilities not located within the district that are required due to  
9 improvements or activities within the district, including, but not limited to,  
10 sewage treatment plants, water treatment plants or other environmental protection  
11 devices; storm or sanitary sewer lines; water lines; electrical lines; improvements  
12 to ~~fire stations~~ public safety facilities; and amenities on streets;

13 (2) Costs of public safety improvements made necessary by the establishment of  
14 the district; and

15 (3) Costs of funding to mitigate any adverse impact of the district upon the  
16 municipality or plantation and its constituents. This funding may be used for  
17 public facilities and improvements if:

18 (a) The public facilities or improvements are located in a downtown tax  
19 increment financing district; and

20 (b) The entire tax increment from the downtown tax increment financing  
21 district is committed to the development program of the tax increment  
22 financing district;

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill expands the types of projects eligible for tax increment financing for  
25 municipalities and plantations by including public safety facilities instead of just fire  
26 stations, as in the current law.