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House of Representatives, April 15, 2025

An Act to Allow Municipalities to Use Tax Increment Financing Revenues to Support Lake Restoration and Protection Activities

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 11, 2025. Referred to the Committee on
Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator BRADSTREET of Kennebec and
Representatives: DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DUCHARME of Madison, GEIGER of Rockland,
LEE of Auburn, ROLLINS of Augusta.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2023, c. 142, §§1 to 3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (11) to read:

(11) Costs associated with the operation and financial support of:

(a) Affordable housing in the municipality or plantation to serve ongoing economic development efforts, including the further development of the downtown tax increment financing districts; and

(b) Housing programs and services to assist those who are experiencing homelessness in the municipality or plantation as defined in the municipality's or plantation's development program; and

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2023, c. 142, §§1 to 3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (12) to read:

(12) Up to 50% of the capital costs related to the construction or renovation of a municipality's or plantation's central administrative office, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district; and

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2023, c. 142, §§1 to 3, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (13) to read:

(13) Costs associated with projects for the restoration and protection of lakes conducted by municipalities or persons designated by a municipality to conduct such projects. As used in this subparagraph, "projects for the restoration and protection of lakes" includes, but is not limited to, alum treatments, invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species monitoring and erosion control programs and providing matching funds for a grant program for those types of projects;

SUMMARY

This bill allows municipalities to use revenue from tax increment financing districts for projects for the restoration and protection of lakes.