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STATE OF MAINE

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adversely affected, resulting in increased costs to beneficiaries or even unavailability of financing for certain projects; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Allocation to Treasurer of State. The \$5,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Treasurer of State remains allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 5 for calendar year 2025. Five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 5.

Sec. 2. Allocation to Finance Authority of Maine, including as successor to Maine Educational Loan Authority. The \$195,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine, including as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority, remains allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8 for calendar year 2025. An additional \$75,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously unallocated is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8 for calendar year 2025. Two hundred thirty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsections 6 and 8.

Sec. 3. Allocation to Maine Municipal Bond Bank. The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank remains allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7 for calendar year 2025. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.

Sec. 4. Allocation to Maine State Housing Authority. The \$100,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 previously allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority remains allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be

used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4 for calendar year 2025. One hundred million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.

Sec. 5. Unallocated state ceiling. Three million seven hundred eighty thousand dollars of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2025 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws. Thirty-eight million seven hundred eighty thousand dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2026 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 25, 2025.

CHAPTER 4

H.P. 787 - L.D. 1182

An Act to Grant the Rockland Port District an Increase in Its Borrowing Capacity and Include Sustainable Aquaculture and Marine Industries in Its Charter

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §1, as amended by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 1. Rockland Port District, incorporated. The inhabitants of and the territory within the city of Rockland, in the county of Knox, are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name of "Rockland Port District" for the purpose of purchasing, maintaining and operating within said district wharves, landing places and all other appurtenances necessary for the operation of an adequate passenger and freight transportation service by water and of sustainable aquaculture and marine industries.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §4, as amended by P&SL 2003, c. 7, §1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 4. How financed. To procure funds for the purposes of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, the said district, by its trustees, is hereby authorized from time to time to borrow money and to issue its bonds or notes therefor, but ~~shall~~ may not incur a total indebtedness at any one time outstanding exceeding the sum of \$600,000

\$6,000,000. Said bonds may be issued to mature serially or for such periods as the trustees may determine. If the former, provisions ~~shall~~ **must** be made for the retirement of not less than 7 1/2% of the total issue annually after the first 2 years. If the latter, a sinking fund equal to at least 7 1/2% of the total issue ~~shall~~ **must** be set up annually after the first 2 years. Each bond and note ~~shall~~ **must** have inscribed upon its face the words "Rockland Port District," ~~shall~~ **must** bear interest at such rates as the trustees ~~shall~~ **may** determine, payable semiannually, and ~~shall be~~ is subject to such other provisions as the trustees ~~shall~~ **may** determine. Bonds and notes issued by said district may be made callable with or without premium on any interest date. All notes or bonds issued by said district ~~shall~~ **must** be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of said district and if coupon bonds be issued, each coupon ~~shall~~ **must** be attested by the facsimile signature of the treasurer printed thereon. Said bonds and notes ~~shall be~~ **are** legal obligations of said district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of section 136 of chapter 53 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, and all the provisions of said section ~~shall be~~ **are** applicable thereto. The said bonds and notes ~~shall be~~ **are** legal investments for trust companies and savings banks.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §5, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §3, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Powers. The district, through its trustees, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, lease or take by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, as hereinafter provided, or otherwise, and hold any land or real estate or easement therein or wharf or dock and to do all that is necessary or desirable to establish, maintain and operate in the district adequate commercial docking and wharf facilities in the district and any facilities considered necessary to support sustainable aquaculture and marine industries. All of such property, wherever located, ~~shall be~~ **is** exempt from taxation; provided, however, that nothing herein contained ~~shall~~ **may** be construed as authorizing said district to take by right of eminent domain any of the property or facilities of the city of Rockland or of any other public service corporation or district used or acquired for further use by the owner thereof in performance of a public duty unless expressly authorized thereto by subsequent act of the Legislature.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1951, c. 108, §6-A, as enacted by P&SL 1957, c. 78, §5, is amended to read:

Sec. 6-A. Authority to receive property from the city of Rockland. The city of Rockland is hereby authorized to sell and convey to said district any property, real, personal or mixed, now or hereafter owned or held by said city of Rockland for commercial docking and wharf facilities used in connection with passenger and freight transportation service by water or

for facilities capable of supporting sustainable aquaculture or marine industries and any sum or sums of money ~~which that~~ the city of Rockland may raise either by taxation or otherwise to be used for such purposes by said district.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 5
H.P. 528 - L.D. 821**

**An Act to Make Allocations
from Maine Turnpike
Authority Funds for the Maine
Turnpike Authority for the
Calendar Year Ending
December 31, 2026**

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

Sec. 1. Allocation. Gross revenues of the Maine Turnpike Authority for the calendar year ending December 31, 2026 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	2026
Administration	
Personal Services	\$1,412,303
All Other	1,787,882
TOTAL	\$3,200,185
Accounts and Controls	
Personal Services	\$4,663,444
All Other	2,103,293
TOTAL	\$6,766,737
Highway Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$7,930,364
All Other	5,029,148
TOTAL	\$12,959,512
Equipment Maintenance	
Personal Services	\$1,919,744
All Other	3,439,711
TOTAL	\$5,359,455
Fare Collection	
Personal Services	\$11,455,497
All Other	4,892,710
TOTAL	\$16,348,207