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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
111TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1532,
L.D. 2009, Bill, "AN ACT to Enable the City of Portland to Charge Reasonable Interest on Delinquent Sewer Accounts."

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the City of Portland currently charges interest of 6% per annum on delinquent sewer accounts; and

Whereas, other cities, by action of the First Regular Session of the 111th Legislature, were permitted to charge interest at the rate charged for unpaid taxes, which is a higher amount up to a maximum established by the Treasurer of State; and

Whereas, the City of Portland needs to increase its interest charge for delinquent sewer accounts to encourage compliance and to improve the efficient and timely collection of accounts; and

Whereas, assessments are made April 1st of each year; 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,

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1532, L.D. 2009

1 Further amend the bill by inserting before the
2 statement of fact the following:

3 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
4 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
5 when approved.'

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and
8 emergency clause, making the Act effective when it is
9 signed. This will permit the City of Portland to
10 raise the interest rate this year.

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