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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 112TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 837, L.D. 2126, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Issuance of Taxable Bonds and the Refunding of Certain Bonds."

10 Amend the bill in section 3 in that part desig-11 nated "<u>§1054.</u>" in the last line (page 4, line 19 in 12 L.D.) by inserting after the figure and punctuation 13 "12." the following:

14 'The foregoing grant of power shall not be construed as limiting the inherent power of the State or its agencies under any other provision of law to issue debt, the interest on which is includable in the gross income of the holders of the interest under the United States Internal Revenue Code or any subsequent law.'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "<u>§1074.</u>" in the last line (page 7, line 2 in L.D.) by inserting after the underlined word and punctuation "<u>section.</u>" the following:

25 'The foregoing grant of power shall not be construed as limiting the inherent power of municipalities under any other provision of law to issue debt, the interest on which is includable in the gross income of the holders of the interest under the United States 30 Internal Revenue Code or any subsequent law.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Although the State and its political subdivisions have the inherent power to issue notes and bonds the 3 interest on which is taxable by the Federal Govern-4 5 ment, the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, 6 Title 10, section 1054, as enacted by Public Law 7 1985, chapter 344, section 78, which expressly autho-8 rizes the Finance Authority of Maine ("FAME") to is-9 sue taxable bonds under Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter III, create doubts as to whether municipal 10 11 bonds issued under Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 12 IV, could bear interest at taxable rates. According-13 ly, Title 10, section 1074, is proposed to clearly establish the power of municipalities to issue bonds 14 under Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter IV which bear taxable rates of interest, without in any way de-15 16 tracting from the inherent powers of the 17 State and 18 its municipalities to issue taxable debt under any 19 other provision of law.

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