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H.P. 758

House of Representatives, April 5, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs.
Cosponsored by Representative BAILEY of Farmington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Enhance the Economic Corridor Action Grant Program.

(EMERGENCY)



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

5 **Whereas,** the Second Regular Session of the 113th Legislature
created and funded the Economic Corridor Action Grant Program to
7 assist municipalities in the development of public facilities; and

9 **Whereas,** elements of that program, as enacted, are not in
harmony with the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation
11 Act, thereby making it impossible to implement the Economic
Corridor Action Grant Program, and preventing the use of the
13 grant by the State's municipalities; and

15 **Whereas,** the need of the State's municipalities to develop
public facilities to encourage appropriate development and
17 promote orderly growth remains significant; and

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

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

27 **5 MRSA §13075, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 855, §1, is
repealed and the following enacted in its place:

29 **3. Municipal eligibility.** The Department of Economic and
31 Community Development may make grants to municipalities within
economic growth corridors in support of capital investments in
33 public service facilities or projects which support economic
growth and development. After its applicable date set forth in
35 former Title 30, section 4960-E, subsection 3, any municipality
37 within an economic growth corridor is eligible to apply for
grants under this article when it has adopted a comprehensive
39 plan pursuant to the requirements of former Title 30, chapter
239, subchapter VI.

41 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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47 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

49 This bill clarifies the relationship between local
comprehensive planning requirements and eligibility for the
Economic Corridor Action Grant Program. The bill ensures that
51 only those municipalities that have met the time schedule

1 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, former Title 30,
3 section 4960-E, for completing their comprehensive plans are
5 eligible to apply for grants under the Economic Corridor Action
Grant Program.