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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 435, L.D. 618, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$50,000,000 for Land for Maine's Future"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Land for Maine's Future Program to Finance the Acquisition of Land for Conservation, Outdoor Recreation, Habitat Conservation and Public Access'

Further amend the bill in the preamble in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 5 and 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and wildlife" and inserting in its place the following: ', habitat conservation and public access'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and wildlife" and inserting in its place the following: ', habitat conservation and public access'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 4th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$50,000,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$5,000,000'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 6th and 7th lines (page 1, lines 15 and 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and outdoor recreation and wildlife as authorized by section 6." and inserting in its place the following: 'outdoor recreation, habitat conservation, public access and capital expenditures for improved access to the acquired lands as authorized by section 6. Any unused balance may be added to the Land for Maine's Future Fund in the ensuing year.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 9th line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "20" and inserting in its place the following: '5'

2 Further amend the bill in section 5 in the last line (page
1, line 49 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Board" the
4 following: 'in the State Planning Office for acquisition of lands
for conservation, outdoor recreation, habitat conservation,
6 public access and capital expenditures to improve access to the
acquired lands'

8 Further amend the bill in section 6 in the 2nd line (page 2,
line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and wildlife" and
10 inserting in its place the following: ', **habitat conservation and
capital expenditures for improved access to acquired lands**'

12 Further amend the bill in section 6 in the 6th line (page 2,
14 line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$50,000,000" and
inserting in its place the following: '\$5,000,000'

16 Further amend the bill in section 10 by striking out all of
18 the question (page 2, lines 45 and 46 in L.D.) and inserting in
its place the following:

20 ' "Do you favor a \$5,000,000 bond issue for the purchase of
22 outstanding recreational and scenic lands, wildlife habitat
conservation and increasing public access for Maine's
24 people?" '

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

28 **FISCAL NOTE**

30 The total cost of this bond issue is estimated to be
32 \$5,840,000 with principal payments of \$5,000,000 and interest
payments of approximately \$840,000.

34 The estimated cost of sending this bond issue out to
36 referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda.
The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6
38 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum
costs an additional \$6,500.'

40 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

42 The amendment reduces the amount of the proposed bond from
44 \$50,000,000 to \$5,000,000, reduces the term of the bond to 5
46 years and clarifies that the bonds will be used for the
acquisition of land for conservation, outdoor recreation, habitat
48 conservation and public access.