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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset. Cosponsored by Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Provide Equitable Funding Mechanisms for Regional Planning Commissions.

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

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## 30-A MRSA §2325, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

<u>Rquitable funding.</u> A department, agency or б instrumentality of the State may provide funds, grants, gifts or services to one or more commissions only in support of specific projects affecting the recipient commissions, except as provided 8 in this subsection. All support provided to commissions by these 10 entities for general purposes and not in support of specific projects affecting the recipient commissions must be distributed 12 equitably among all commissions. The Department of Economic and Community Development shall review and approve all general 14 purpose support and shall require contributions to be made by the granting entity to other commissions as necessary to achieve equitable distribution on a biennial basis. The department may 16 adopt rules for this purpose. 18

### STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This bill ensures that all general purpose support provided to regional planning commissions by state agencies be distributed 24 equitably among all commissions. The bill authorizes the Department of Economic and Community Development to review and 26 approve all grants not made in support of specific projects and to require contributions to other commissions as necessary to 28 achieve equitable funding.

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