

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 283

In Senate, March 9, 1995

**An Act to Expand Access to Financing for Health and Social Service  
Agencies.**

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Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2053, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 390, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6       **2-A. Community health or social service facility.**  
7       "Community health or social service facility" means a  
8       community-based facility that provides medical or medically  
9       related diagnostic or therapeutic services, mental health or  
10       mental retardation services, substance abuse services, family  
11       counseling and domestic abuse intervention services, or engages  
12       in ancillary activities supporting those services, and is  
13       licensed or subject to oversight by the State.

14       **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2053, sub-§4-D** is enacted to read:

16       **4-D. Participating community health or social service**  
17       **facility.** "Participating community health or social service  
18       facility" means a community health or social service facility  
19       that is exempt from taxation under section 501 of the United  
20       States Internal Revenue Code and that, pursuant to this chapter,  
21       undertakes the financing and construction or acquisition of a  
22       project or undertakes the refunding or refinancing of existing  
23       indebtedness as provided in and committed by this chapter.

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25       **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2053, sub-§6, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 390, §8, is further amended to read:

28       A. In the case of a participating health care facility or a  
29       participating community health or social service facility,  
30       the acquisition, construction, improvement, reconstruction  
31       or equipping of, or construction of an addition or additions  
32       to, a structure designed for use as a health care facility,  
33       community health or social service facility, congregate  
34       housing facility, laboratory, laundry, nurses or interns  
35       residence or other multi-unit housing facility for staff,  
36       employees, patients or relatives of patients admitted for  
37       treatment in the health care facility, community health or  
38       social service facility, doctors office building,  
39       administration building, research facility, maintenance,  
40       storage or utility facility or other structures or  
41       facilities related to any of the foregoing or required or  
42       useful for the operation of the project, or the refinancing  
43       of existing indebtedness in connection with any of the  
44       foregoing, including parking and other facilities or  
45       structures essential or convenient for the orderly conduct  
46       of the health care facility or community health or social  
47       service facility. "Project" also includes all real and  
48       personal property, lands, improvements, driveways, roads,  
49       approaches, pedestrian access roads, rights-of-way,  
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2 utilities, easements and other interests in land, parking  
lots, machinery and equipment, and all other appurtenances  
4 and facilities either on, above or under the ground that are  
used or usable in connection with the structures mentioned  
6 in this paragraph, and includes landscaping, site  
preparation, furniture, machinery and equipment and other  
8 similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a  
particular facility or structure in the manner for which its  
use is intended, but does not include such items as food,  
10 fuel, supplies or other items that are customarily  
considered as a current operating charge. In the case of a  
12 hospital, as defined in subsection 4, paragraph B, a  
community health center or a community mental health  
14 facility, "project" does not include any facilities,  
structures or appurtenances, the use of which is not  
16 directly related to the provision of patient care by its  
members; and

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## 22 STATEMENT OF FACT

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24 This bill expands the jurisdiction of the Maine Health and  
Higher Education Facilities Authority to authorize it to finance  
a broader range of nonprofit health and social service projects.

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