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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1631, L.D. 2259, Bill, "An Act to Preserve the State House and to Renovate State Facilities"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1603, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1997, c. 523, §6, is further amended to read:

7. Project, projects or part of any project. "Project, projects or part of any project" means the acquisition, construction, improvement, reconstruction or equipping of, or construction of an addition or additions to, any structure designed for use as a court facility, state office or state activity space and intended to be used primarily by the State, any agency, instrumentality or department of the State or by any branch of State Government. The structure may include facilities for the use of related agencies of state, county or local government. "Project, projects or part of any project" includes all real and personal property, lands, improvements, driveways, roads, approaches, pedestrian access roads, parking lots, parking facilities, rights-of-way, utilities, easements and other interests in land, machinery and equipment and all fixtures, appurtenances and facilities either on, above or under the ground that are used or usable in connection with the structure, and also includes landscaping, site preparation, furniture, machinery, equipment and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the manner for which its use is intended. "Project, projects or part of any project" also includes the acquisition, construction, improvement, reconstruction or repair of any equipment, device, technology, software or other personal property intended to be used primarily by the State, any agency,

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instrumentality or department of the State or by any branch of State Government or any related agency of state, county or local government. The exact scope of each project, projects or part of any project, other than those for the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch, must be set forth in a written designation by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to the authority and the exact scope of each project, projects or part of any project for the Judicial Branch must be set forth in a written designation by the State Court Administrator to the authority. The scope of each project for the Legislative Branch must receive a majority vote of the Legislative Council and be set forth in a written designation by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to the authority. "Project, projects or part of any project" does not include such items as fuel, supplies or other items that are customarily considered as a current operating charge.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$77,000,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$83,000,000'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 5th line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$46,500,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$52,500,000'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in the 5th line (page 1, line 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "13,283,830" and inserting in its place the following: '19,283,830' and in the last line (page 1, line 47 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$46,500,000" and inserting in its place the following: '\$52,500,000'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

#### FISCAL NOTE

The bill increases the bonding authority of the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority by \$23,000,000. It proposes to use this authority, along with \$30,000,000 of previously approved authority, to issue securities in the amount of \$52,500,000 to make renovations to certain State facilities. Assuming that the securities run for a period of 20 years and that the interest

rate will be approximately 5%, the total cost of the issuance will be approximately \$80,062,500, with principal costs of \$52,500,000 and interest costs of \$27,562,500.

Based on a State House and State Office Building Renovation Plan submitted by the administration to the Legislature, the estimated debt service costs are \$500,000 in fiscal year 1998-99, \$2,215,880 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and \$4,581,790 in fiscal year 2000-01. The Governor's proposed 1998-1999 supplemental budget, LD 1950, as proposed for amendment by the administration's March 5, 1998 change package, includes a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 for the fiscal year 1998-99 debt service costs.

The impact of these future debt service costs on the General Fund, Highway Fund or other State funds can not be determined at this time. The bill does not propose a method of assessing State departments and agencies for these debt service expenses.

Proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be used to establish a construction fund from which project disbursements will be made. Interest earnings from the fund will be used to offset principal and interest costs.'

### SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. It increases the bonding authority in the original bill by \$6,000,000, from \$77,000,000 to \$83,000,000. The amendment increases the total amount of the securities to be issued for the state facilities projects by \$6,000,000, to \$52,500,000, in order to increase the allocation for the renovation and preservation of the State House. The amendment also clarifies that the scope of each project for the Legislative Branch must be approved by a majority vote of the Legislative Council and provided in writing to the authority. Finally, the amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.