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House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

**An Act to Amend the Laws Authorizing the Renovation of the State
Capitol Building and Other State Buildings.**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MacDOUGALL of North
Berwick, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, NASS of Acton, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1603, sub-§7**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 788,
4 §1, is further amended to read:

6 **7. Project, projects or part of any project.** "Project,
7 projects or part of any project" means the acquisition,
8 construction, improvement, reconstruction or equipping of, or
9 construction of an addition or additions to, any structure
10 designed for use as a court facility, state office or state
11 activity space and intended to be used primarily by the State,
12 any agency, instrumentality or department of the State or by any
13 branch of State Government. The structure may include facilities
14 for the use of related agencies of state, county or local
15 government. "Project, projects or part of any project" includes
16 all real and personal property, lands, improvements, driveways,
17 roads, approaches, pedestrian access roads, parking lots, parking
18 facilities, rights-of-way, utilities, easements and other
19 interests in land, machinery and equipment and all fixtures,
20 appurtenances and facilities either on, above or under the ground
21 that are used or usable in connection with the structure, and
22 also includes landscaping, site preparation, furniture,
23 machinery, equipment and other similar items necessary or
24 convenient for the operation of a particular facility or
25 structure in the manner for which its use is intended. "Project,
26 projects or part of any project" also includes the acquisition,
27 construction, improvement, reconstruction or repair of any
28 equipment, device, technology, software or other personal
29 property intended to be used primarily by the State, any agency,
30 instrumentality or department of the State or by any branch of
31 State Government or any related agency of state, county or local
32 government. The exact scope of each project, projects or part of
33 any project, other than those for the Judicial Branch and--the
34 ~~Legislative Branch~~, must be set forth in a written designation by
35 the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to the
36 authority and the exact scope of each project, projects or part
37 of any project for the Judicial Branch must be set forth in a
38 written designation by the State Court Administrator to the
39 authority. ~~The scope of each project for the Legislative Branch~~
40 ~~must receive a majority vote of the Legislative Council and be~~
41 ~~set forth in a written designation by the Executive Director of~~
42 ~~the Legislative Council to the authority.~~ "Project, projects or
43 part of any project" does not include such items as fuel,
44 supplies or other items that are customarily considered as a
45 current operating charge.

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47 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1606, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 752,
48 §1 and c. 788, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its
49 place:
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2 2. Limitation on securities issued. The authority may not
3 issue securities in excess of \$60,000,000 outstanding at any one
4 time, of which no less than \$30,000,000 must be specifically
5 allocated to projects relating to the Judicial Branch, except for
6 the issuance of revenue refunding securities authorized by
7 section 1610 and securities issued under section 1610-A. The
8 amount of securities that may be outstanding in the name of the
9 authority may be increased by the Legislature upon a showing by
10 the authority that its available revenues are sufficient to
11 support additional issuance of securities and that the issuance
12 of securities will not materially impair the credit standing of
13 the authority, the investment status of securities issued by the
14 authority or the ability of the authority to fulfill its
15 commitments to holders of securities. Nothing in this chapter
16 may be construed to authorize the authority to issue securities
17 to fund the construction, reconstruction, purchase or acquisition
18 of facilities without a 2/3 vote of approval in each House of the
19 Legislature.

20 **Sec. 3. PL 1997, c. 788, §§3, 4 and 5 are repealed.**

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill removes the authority of the Maine Governmental
28 Facilities Authority to issue securities for the purposes of
29 paying the cost of the construction of a connector between the
30 State Office Building and the State Capitol Building; the
31 preservation and renovation of the State Capitol Building; and
32 the renovations of the State Office Building, the Tyson Building
and the Marquardt Building.