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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 748, L.D. 2107, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20,500,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities and Make Other Environmental Improvements"

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

'An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,500,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities and Make Other Environmental Improvements'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide funds to construct water pollution control facilities and make other environmental improvements. The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$12,500,000 to raise funds to construct water pollution control facilities; to close and clean up municipal solid waste landfills; to clean up tire stockpiles; to abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges; and to make drinking water system improvements as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds. At the discretion of the Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Governor, any issuance of bonds may contain a call feature.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds. The proceeds of the bonds must be expended as set out in section 6 under the direction and supervision of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue; environmental improvements. The proceeds of the sale of bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF	
Construction of water pollution control facilities providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds.	\$7,000,000
Grants to municipalities to close and clean up solid waste landfills.	\$2,500,000
Clean up tire stockpiles to protect the public health and safety and the environment.	\$500,000
Abatement, cleanup and mitigation of threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges.	\$1,000,000
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
Construction of drinking water system improvements for public water supplies providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal funds.	\$1,500,000
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	<u>\$12,500,000'</u>

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a

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2 statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday
of November following passage of this Act. The municipal
4 officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner
6 prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on
the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the
following question:

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"Do you favor a \$12,500,000 bond issue for the following
10 purposes:

- 12 (1) \$7,000,000 to construct water pollution control
14 facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000
in federal funds;
- 16 (2) \$2,500,000 to protect the State's drinking water
18 resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the
closure and cleanup of their solid waste landfills;
- 20 (3) \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety and
22 the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of
tire stockpiles;
- 24 (4) \$1,000,000 to abate, clean up and mitigate threats
26 to the public health and environment from uncontrolled
hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste
28 discharges; and
- 30 (5) \$1,500,000 to construct drinking water system
improvements that address public health threats,
32 providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal
funds.

34 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
36 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
38 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
40 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in
42 favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without
delay, and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of
44 the proclamation.

46 The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
48 Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

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FISCAL NOTE

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The estimated cost of sending this bond issue out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the 119th First Regular Session to be submitted to the voters in November 1999. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$95,000. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$7,000.

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If approved by the voters, the total cost of this bond issue is estimated to be \$15,387,500 with principal payments of \$12,500,000 and interest payments of approximately \$2,887,500.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the unanimous report of the Committee of Conference.

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This amendment lowers the principal amount of the bond proposed in the bill from \$20,500,000 to \$12,500,000.

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It would fund the following issues:

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1. \$7,000,000 to construct water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;

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2. \$2,500,000 to protect the State's drinking water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the closure and cleanup of their solid waste landfills;

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3. \$500,000 to protect the public health, safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of tire stockpiles;

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4. \$1,000,000 to abate, clean up and mitigate threats to the public health and environment from uncontrolled hazardous substance sites or other hazardous waste discharges; and

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5. \$1,500,000 to construct drinking water system improvements that address public health threats, providing the state match for \$7,500,000 in federal funds.

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