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In Senate, February 22, 2000

An Act to Provide for the Year 2000 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KONTOS of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Cosponsored by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BOWLES of Sanford, CLOUGH of Scarborough, HATCH of Skowhegan, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, PIEH of Bremen, SAXL of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363 and Public Law 1999, chapter 443 make a partial allocation of the state ceiling on private activity bonds to some issuers for calendar year 2000, but leave a portion of the state ceiling unallocated and do not provide sufficient allocations for certain types of private activity bonds that may require an allocation prior to the effective date of this Act if not enacted on an emergency basis; and

Whereas, if these bond issues are delayed due to lack of available state ceiling, the rates and terms under which these bonds may be issued may be adversely affected, resulting in increased costs to beneficiaries or even unavailability of financing for certain projects; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

- Sec. 1. Allocation to the Treasurer of State. Twenty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 is allocated to the Treasurer of State to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 5.
- Sec. 2. Allocation to the Finance Authority of Maine. Twenty-five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 6.
- Sec. 3. Allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 is allocated to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 7.
- Sec. 4. Allocation to the Maine Educational Loan Authority. No portion of the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Authority.

	Sec. 5. Allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority. Ninety
2	million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2000 is
	allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or
4	reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.
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	Sec. 6. Allocation to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing
8	Corporation. No portion of the state ceiling for calendar year
	2000 is allocated to the Maine Educational Loan Marketing
10	Corporation.
12	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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18	This bill establishes the allocations of the state ceiling
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20	on issuance of tax-exempt bonds for calendar year 2000. Under
20	federal law, a maximum of \$150,000,000 in tax-exempt bonds
	benefiting private individuals or entities may be issued in Maine
22	each year. This bill allocates the state ceiling among the
	state-level issuers of tax-exempt bonds.