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H.P. 447

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

An Act to Improve Local Governmental Unit Access to Bulk Purchasing.

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.
Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, GOODWIN of Pembroke, HALL of Bristol,
SAVAGE of Buxton.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5954-A, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c.
4 231, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **1. Authority.** In addition to its other enumerated powers
8 but subject to the limitations imposed under subsection 2, the
10 bank may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, finance, sell or
12 transfer for, to or on behalf of itself and any governmental unit
14 or nonprofit corporation organized under the United States
16 Internal Revenue Code, Section 501, or in partnership with a
18 governmental unit or nonprofit group organized under Section 501,
20 commodities necessary for the daily operation of the facilities
22 of any such entities, including, but not limited to, electricity,
24 petroleum products, fuel oil and natural gas.

SUMMARY

20 This bill replicates in the Maine Municipal Bond Bank
22 enabling statutes language from the Maine Health and Higher
24 Educational Facilities Authority Act and will allow local
governments and nonprofit groups to obtain the savings associated
with the bulk purchase of the complete range of operational
commodities.