

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1222, L.D. 1663, Bill, "An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,200,000 to Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Remove Discharges, to Remediate Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles, to Make Drinking Water System Improvements and to Develop Municipal Digital Data Layers and Maps"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

'An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$17,000,000 to Construct and Upgrade Water Pollution Control Facilities, to Limit Water Pollution Discharges from Maine Farms and Construct Agricultural Storage Facilities, to Remediate Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles and to Make Water System Improvements'

Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after the substitute title and inserting in its place the following:

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

'Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to limit water pollution discharges from Maine farms and construct agricultural storage facilities, to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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 for funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to limit water pollution discharges from Maine farms and construct agricultural storage facilities, to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system 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 \$17,000,000 to raise funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to limit water pollution discharges from Maine farms and construct agricultural storage facilities, to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles 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.'

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, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

**Sec. 6. Allocations from General Fund bond issue to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to limit water pollution discharges from Maine farms and construct agricultural storage facilities, to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements.** The proceeds of the sale of the bonds must be expended as designated in the following schedule.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF**

Loans to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities matched by \$12,500,000 in federal funds	\$2,500,000
Grants to construct water pollution control facilities and subsidize lower sewer user fees	\$3,500,000

2	Grants to municipalities, homeowners and businesses to remove overboard discharges	\$1,000,000
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6	Grants to municipalities through the Small Communities Grants Program	\$1,500,000
8	Grants to municipalities to remediate solid waste landfills	\$1,000,000
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12	Clean up of tire stockpiles to protect the public health and safety and the environment	\$500,000
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16	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
18	Grants and loans for public drinking water system improvements matched by \$15,760,000 in federal funds	\$3,000,000
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22	<b>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
24	Grants and loans to municipalities for public infrastructure through the Municipal Investment Trust Fund	\$300,000
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28	<b>AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>	
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32	Construction of new or retrofitting existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to comply with state law. These state funds will be matched with federal and private funds	\$2,000,000
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38	Construction of environmentally sound water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops	\$700,000
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42	Recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund. These state funds will match private funds and be used to construct potato storage facilities	\$1,000,000
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48	<b>TOTAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<u>\$17,000,000'</u>

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

4 **'Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at statewide**  
6 **election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted  
8 to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election  
held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November  
10 following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this  
12 State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities,  
towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law  
for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or  
rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

14 "Do you favor a \$17,000,000 bond issue to provide:

16 1. The sum of \$6,000,000 to construct and upgrade water  
18 pollution control facilities, providing the state match for  
\$12,500,000 in federal funds;

20 2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect the State's drinking  
22 water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for  
the remediation of their solid waste landfills;

24 3. The sum of \$1,500,000 to protect public health and  
26 safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and  
replace failing septic systems;

28 4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health and  
30 safety and the environment by providing funds to remove  
overboard discharges;

32 5. The sum of \$500,000 to protect the public health and  
34 safety and the environment by providing funds for the  
cleanup of tire stockpiles;

36 6. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support drinking water system  
38 improvements that address public health threats, providing  
the state match for \$15,760,000 in federal funds;

40 7. The sum of \$300,000 for grants and loans to  
42 municipalities for public infrastructure through the  
Municipal Investment Trust Fund;

44 8. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct new or retrofit  
46 existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to  
protect the environment;

48 9. The sum of \$700,000 to construct environmentally sound  
water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and

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10. The sum of \$1,000,000 to recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund?"

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

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

The amendment decreases the amount of the bond issue from \$17,200,000 to \$17,000,000. As amended, if approved by the voters, the total cost of this bond issue is estimated to be \$21,057,900 with principal payments of \$17,000,000 and interest payments of approximately \$4,057,900.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment amends the bond issue amount from \$17,200,000 to \$17,000,000, and the funds provided by this bond issue will be used to provide:

1. The sum of \$6,000,000 to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;

2. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect the State's drinking water resources by granting funds to cities and towns for the remediation of their solid waste landfills;

3. The sum of \$1,500,000 to protect public health and safety and the environment by providing funds to remove and replace failing septic systems;

4. The sum of \$1,000,000 to protect public health and safety and the environment by providing funds to remove overboard discharges;

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2           5. The sum of \$500,000 to protect the public health and  
4 safety and the environment by providing funds for the cleanup of  
tire stockpiles;

6           6. The sum of \$3,000,000 to support drinking water system  
8 improvements that address public health threats, providing the  
state match for \$15,760,000 in federal funds;


10          7. The sum of \$300,000 for grants and loans to  
12 municipalities for public infrastructure through the Municipal  
Investment Trust Fund;

14          8. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct new or retrofit  
16 existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect  
the environment;

18          9. The sum of \$700,000 to construct environmentally sound  
20 water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and

22          10. The sum of \$1,000,000 to recapitalize the Potato  
Marketing Improvement Fund.

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26 SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative R. BERRY)

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TOWN: Livermore

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