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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 120TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE 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 Landfills, to Clean up Tire Stockpiles and to Make Water System Improvements'

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Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after 34 the substitute title and inserting in its place the following:

36 '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.'

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Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and 2 inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds to provide for funds to construct and 4 upgrade water pollution control facilities, to limit water pollution 6 discharges from Maine farms and construct agricultural storage facilities, to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to clean up tire stockpiles and 8 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 10 exceeding \$17,000,000 to raise funds to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities, to limit water pollution 12 discharges from Maine farms and construct agricultural storage facilities, to remediate municipal solid waste landfills, to 14 clean up tire stockpiles and to make drinking water system improvements as authorized by section 6. The bonds are a pledge 16 of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run 18 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 20 contain a call feature.' 22

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.

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44	Loans to construct and upgrade water pollution control facilities matched	\$2,500,000
11	by \$12,500,000 in federal funds	
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	Grants to construct water pollution	\$3,500,000
4 8	control facilities and subsidize	
	lower sewer user fees	
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48	TOTAL ALLOCATIONS	\$17,000,000'
46	storage facilities	
44	funds will match private funds nd be used to construct potato	
42	Recapitalize the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund. These state	\$1,000,000
40	avoid drought damage to crops	
38	Construction of environmentally sound water sources that help	\$700,000
36	will be matched with federal and private funds	
34	structures on Maine farms to comply with state law. These state funds will be matched with federal and	
32	Construction of new or retrofitting existing pollution control	\$2,000,000
30	RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF	
28	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL	
26	for public infrastructure through the Municipal Investment Trust Fund	
24	Grants and loans to municipalities	\$300,000
22	ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF	
20	\$15,760,000 in federal funds	
18	Grants and loans for public drinking water system improvements matched by	\$3,000,000
16	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
14	environment	
10 12	Clean up of tire stockpiles to protect the public health and safety and the	\$500,000
8	Grants to municipalities to remediate solid waste landfills	\$1,000,000
6	Grants to municipalities through the Small Communities Grants Program	\$1,500,000
2 4	and businesses to remove overboard discharges	
	Grants to municipalities, homeowners	\$1,000,000

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> Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and 2 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 statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this 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 pollution control facilities, providing the state match for \$12,500,000 in federal funds;

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

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

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

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

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

44 8. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct new or retrofit existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to
46 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 6 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, 8 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings 10 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 12 favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without 14 delay, and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each 18 city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.' ' 20

FISCAL NOTE

The amendment decreases the amount of the bond issue from 24 \$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 26 \$21,057,900 with principal payments of \$17,000,000 and interest payments of approximately \$4,057,900.

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SUMMARY

32 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 34 used to provide:

36 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;

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

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

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

7. The sum of \$2,000,000 to construct new or retrofit 10 existing pollution control structures on Maine farms to protect the environment;

8. The sum of \$700,000 to construct environmentally sound 14 water sources that help avoid drought damage to crops; and

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

(Senator TREAT) 20 SPONSORED BY: 22

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