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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

An Act To Make Certain Housing an Acceptable Use of Tax Increment Financing

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SUSLOVIC of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: DUDLEY of Portland, EDER of Portland, LERMAN of Augusta, PINGREE
of North Haven, ROGERS of Brewer, TRAHAN of Waldoboro, Senator: BROMLEY of
Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5221, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 669, §1, is amended to read:

B. To increase employment and affordable housing; and

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5222, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 669, §1, is amended to read:

7. Development program. "Development program" means a statement of means and objectives designed to provide new employment opportunities or affordable housing, retain existing employment, improve or broaden the tax base, construct or improve the physical facilities and structures or improve the quality of pedestrian and vehicular transportation, as described in section 5224, subsection 2.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 669, §1, are amended to read:

C. Costs related to economic development, environmental improvements or employment training within the municipality, including, but not limited to:

(1) Costs of funding economic development programs or events developed by the municipality or funding the marketing of the municipality as a business location;

(2) Costs of funding environmental improvement projects developed by the municipality for commercial use or related to commercial activities;

(3) Funding to establish permanent economic development revolving loan funds or investment funds;

(4) Costs of services to provide skills development and training for residents of the municipality. These costs may not exceed 20% of the total project costs and must be designated as training funds in the development program; and

(5) Quality child care costs, including finance costs and construction, staffing, training, certification and accreditation costs related to child care; and

D. Costs of constructing or improving facilities or buildings used by State Government that are located in approved downtown tax increment financing districts; and

2 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

4 E. Costs of developing affordable housing, independently or
6 as part of a business or public project, in municipalities
8 where the lack of affordable housing is a barrier to
10 economic development, the housing to be developed meets the
 affordability index of the Maine State Housing Authority and
 the director of the Maine State Housing Authority certifies
 that the municipality is in need of affordable housing.

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SUMMARY

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 This bill permits affordable housing development costs
16 approved by the Maine State Housing Authority to be included in
 municipal development district project costs for purposes of tax
18 increment financing.