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An Act To Increase Fairness in Municipal Spending Caps

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MILLS of Farmington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5721-A, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. C,
3 §1 and affected by §§3 and 5 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §16, is amended to read:

4 A. The extraordinary circumstances must be circumstances outside the control of
5 the municipal legislative body, including:

6 (1) Catastrophic events such as natural disaster, terrorism, fire, war or riot;

7 (2) Unfunded or underfunded state or federal mandates, including any bond
8 payments necessary to meet mandated public improvement projects;

9 (3) Citizens' initiatives or other referenda;

10 (4) Court orders or decrees; or

11 (5) Loss of state or federal funding.

12 Extraordinary circumstances do not include changes in economic conditions, revenue
13 shortfalls, increases in salaries or benefits, new programs or program expansions that
14 go beyond existing program criteria and operation.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the municipal spending cap laws to exempt bond payments made by
17 municipalities for state or federally mandated public improvement projects.