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An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Riverfront Community Development

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative ROSEN of Bucksport and Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BENOIT of Sagadahoc, DOW of Lincoln, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, GOOLEY of Franklin, HOBBS of York, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MARTIN of Aroostook, McCORMICK of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, MITCHELL of Kennebec, PERRY of Penobscot, RAYE of Washington, ROSEN of Hancock, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BLANCHARD of Old Town, BOLAND of Sanford, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, CAIN of Orono, CARTER of Bethel, CASAVANT of Biddeford, CLARK of Millinocket, CLEARY of Houlton, CONOVER of Oakland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, CRAY of Palmyra, Speaker CUMMINGS of Portland, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, DUCHESNE of Hudson, DUNN of Bangor, EATON of Sullivan, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, FINLEY of Skowhegan, FLOOD of Winthrop, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GILES of Belfast, GROSE of Woolwich, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAKAS of Lewiston, McDONOUGH of Scarborough, McFADDEN of Dennysville, MILLER of Somerville, MILLETT of Waterford, PERCY of Phippsburg, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township, PRATT of Eddington, RECTOR of Thomaston, ROBINSON of Raymond, SAMSON of Auburn, SAVAGE of Falmouth, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SILSBY of Augusta, SIMPSON of Auburn, SIROIS of Turner, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TARDY of Newport, TIBBETTS of Columbia, TREAT of Farmingdale, WAGNER of Lewiston, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WATSON of Bath.

1 2. For a municipality-sponsored or not-for-profit corporation-sponsored project to be
2 eligible to receive grant funding, the project must have as its purpose:

3 A. The development or restoration of public parks, walkways and other public spaces
4 along river corridors either situated in downtown, developed riverfront locations or
5 between and connecting 2 or more such locations;

6 B. Rehabilitation of degraded or dilapidated shorelines in downtown riverfront
7 locations in a manner designed to encourage subsequent private development on or
8 near those shorelines; or

9 C. The restoration of native fisheries and riverine ecosystems.

10 3. Proposed projects must demonstrate support from a broad range of public and
11 private entities and the local community.

12 4. Eligible applications must include a commitment of \$2 in matching funds from
13 other public or private sources for every one dollar in bond funds.

14 5. Bond funds may not be used to subsidize or support activities that are otherwise
15 required of a party under applicable municipal, state or federal laws, including
16 environmental and other health and safety laws, any license or permit condition or
17 requirement or any mandated mitigation or remediation activity.

18 **Sec. A-7. Allocations from General Fund bond issue.** The proceeds of the
19 sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as designated in the
20 following schedule.

21 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC	
22 AND COMMUNITY	
23 DEVELOPMENT - RIVERFRONT	
24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
25 PROGRAM	
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28 Provides funds for the creation of a grant	\$25,000,000
29 program to invest in economic	
30 revitalization, environmental	
31 enhancement and community betterment	
32 projects along the clean and healthy rivers	
33 of the State in a fashion that preserves and	
34 enhances economic activity,	
35 environmental protection and the quality	
36 of life for Maine people.	

37 **Sec. A-8. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 7 do not
38 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set
39 forth in this Part.

