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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Provide Sensible Options for Tax Increment Financing  
Proceeds in Small Towns**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation 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 ROSEN of Hancock.  
Cosponsored by Representative MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 413, §6, is  
3 further amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶D**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 669, §1, is  
19 amended to read:

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

23 **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

24 E. For municipalities acting individually, or a group of municipalities acting jointly  
25 under section 5236, with a population of 1,500 or fewer persons on the last Federal  
26 Decennial Census, costs of constructing or improving municipal and regional  
27 facilities to provide governmental services or for other purposes authorized under this  
28 subsection either inside or outside of the district.

29 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5236** is enacted to read:

30 **§5236. Joint municipality options**

31 Two or more municipalities may participate jointly in a tax increment financing  
32 district by entering into a tax base sharing agreement under chapter 223, subchapter 5,  
33 and, consistent with that agreement, may file jointly for designation of a tax increment  
34 financing district under this chapter and otherwise jointly assume the authority and  
35 obligations of a municipality acting individually.

