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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 632

House of Representatives, March 9, 2009

### **An Act To Combat Childhood Obesity through the Creation of Recreational and Athletic Fields**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, CLEARY of Houlton, EVES of North Berwick, FLAHERTY of Scarborough, HUNT of Buxton, PRESCOTT of Topsham, Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6203, sub-§3, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 769, §1, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Fund minor capital improvements on lands acquired by proceeds from the Land  
5 for Maine's Future Fund to improve accessibility, as long as these improvements do  
6 not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the acquired property; and

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6203, sub-§3, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 769, §2, is  
8 amended to read:

9 C. When interest in farmland is acquired, fund the development of a business plan  
10 and capital improvements to provide for the land's continuing use as a working farm,  
11 as long as these improvements do not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the  
12 acquired property; and

13 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §6203, sub-§3, ¶D** is enacted to read:

14 D. Fund improvements to land for recreational purposes, including, but not limited  
15 to, recreational and athletic fields, upon application of a municipality.

16 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §6207, sub-§4, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 506, §§1 and 4, is  
17 repealed.

18 **Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §6207, sub-§4, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §10, is  
19 further amended to read:

20 B. Except as provided in section 6203, subsection 3, ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs B and D  
21 and section 6203-A, subsection 3, paragraph B, capital improvements on any publicly  
22 owned facilities; and

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows money in the Land for Maine's Future Fund to be used to fund  
25 improvements to land for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, recreational  
26 and athletic fields, upon application of a municipality.