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L.D. 919 Date: 5/14/12 (Filing No. H-960) Minority APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS 3 4 Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House. STATE OF MAINE 5 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 6 125TH LEGISLATURE 7 8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 679, L.D. 919, Bill, "An Act To 9 Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency 10 of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide for a Trained Workforce for Maine's 11 12 Energy Future" 13 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following: 14 'An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the 15 Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses' 16 Amend the bill in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the 17 following: "\$55,000,000" and inserting the following: '\$1,000,000' 18 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following: 'Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue. 19 20 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as 21 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies 22 and entities set forth in this section. 23 **Efficiency Maine Trust** 24 Provides funds to create a revolving weatherization fund to be made available as 25 below-market loans through local financial institutions, agencies, community development corporations and counties or municipalities for homeowners, owners of 26 27 rental properties and small business owners for required energy audits and 28 weatherization or other major energy efficiency improvements. 29 Total \$1,000,000 30

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Amend the bill in section 9 by striking out all of the question (page 3, lines 27 to 30

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in L.D.) and inserting the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 679, L.D. 919

1 2 3 4	homeowners, rental property owners and small business owners for energy audits and weatherization or other major energy efficiency projects?"
5	SUMMARY
6	This is the minority report of the committee. This amendment removes all the
7	bonding proposed in the bill except the bonding that provides \$1,000,000, reduced from
8	the \$10,000,000 proposed in the bill, for below-market loans to homeowners and rental
9	property and small business owners for energy audits and weatherization or other major
10	energy efficiency projects.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Weatherize and Upgrade the Energy Efficiency of Maine Homes and Businesses and To Provide for a Trained Workforce for Maine's Energy Future

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-960)

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Bond IssuesTerm (years)PrincipalRate (%)InterestTotal CostGeneral Fund - Taxable10\$1,000,0005.0%\$275,000\$1,275,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Secretary of State's budget includes sufficient funds to accommodate one ballot of average length for the general election in November. If the number or size of the referendum questions requires production and delivery of a second ballot, an additional appropriation of \$107,250 may be required.