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House of Representatives, April 3, 2013

An Act To Fairly Distribute the Debt Burden between the State and County Correctional Functions

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Senator JOHNSON of Lincoln and
Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, MARKS of Pittston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §701, sub-§2-C** is enacted to read:

3 **2-C. County and state debt assessment for inmates at Two Bridges Regional**
4 **Jail.** Notwithstanding subsection 2-B, counties with inmates at Two Bridges Regional
5 Jail must be assessed a portion of the Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County debt
6 pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1803, subsection 12, to be collected by those counties
7 from the municipalities within those counties for the purpose of retiring county debt. The
8 State must be assessed a portion of the Lincoln County and Sagadahoc County debt
9 pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1803, subsection 12 for the purpose of retiring county
10 debt.

11 **Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1803, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

12 **12. Debt service formula for Two Bridges Regional Jail.** By January 1, 2015 and
13 each January 1st thereafter, the board shall develop a formula to distribute the cost of debt
14 service for Two Bridges Regional Jail to counties, including Lincoln County and
15 Sagadahoc County, and the State in proportion to the number of inmates from each
16 county and the State and calculate the State's and the counties' proportionate share of debt
17 service cost pursuant to this formula for the following fiscal year. The cost of debt service
18 for each county and for the State determined by this formula must be included in the
19 budget of each county and the State.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the State Board of Corrections to develop a formula to distribute the
22 cost of debt service for Two Bridges Regional Jail to counties and to the State in
23 proportion to the number of inmates each county and the State has in the jail. The formula
24 must be updated 12 months prior to the beginning of each biennium and the cost of debt
25 service must be included in the budgets of each county and the State.