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In Senate, August 26, 2019

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for the Protection and Enhancement of Water Quality, Support of Environmental Clean-up Efforts and Provision of Loans for the Residential Purchase of High-performance Air Source Heat Pumps

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this Act.

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

- **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.
- **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale and the date when payable.
- **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.
- **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment of bonds at maturity.
- Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Efficiency Maine Trust as set forth in this section.

The Efficiency Maine Trust shall use funds provided pursuant to the General Fund bond issue authorized under this Act to establish a revolving loan fund to finance loans for the purchase and installation of high-performance air source heat pumps installed in Maine residences through a program established under and in compliance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10119, subsection 2. The Efficiency Maine Trust shall give consideration to addressing barriers to accessing market-based financing.

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4 5	Uncontrolled hazardous substance site program
3	program
6	Provides funds for state match on federal superfund sites, uncontrolled hazardous
7	substance site investigation and remediation and response actions at sites
8	contaminated with emerging pollutants, such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
9	substances, at dry cleaner sites and at brownfield sites.
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11	Total \$5,000,000
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13	Wastewater treatment facility planning
14	and construction grants
15	Provides funds for wastewater treatment facility planning, construction grants and
16	hydrographic modeling, prioritizing areas with high-value shellfish resources.
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18	Total \$5,000,000
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20	EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST
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22	Heat pump revolving loan fund
23	Provides funds to establish a revolving loan fund for the purchase and installation of
24	high-performance air source heat pumps in Maine residences.
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26	Total \$5,000,000
27	Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not
28	become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set
29	forth in this Act.
30	Sec. 7. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all
31	unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond
32	proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the
33	bonds lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general
34	obligation bonds.

1 2 3 4 5	Sec. 8. Bonds authorized but not issued. Any bonds authorized but not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act are deauthorized and may not be issued, except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.					
6 7 8 9 10 11	Sec. 9. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State a statewide election held in the month of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, tow and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:					
12 13 14 15	"Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to protect Maine's environment by protecting and enhancing water quality, supporting environmental clean-up efforts and providing loans for the purchase of high- performance air source heat pumps for use in Maine residences?"					
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this questi and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding squabelow the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted a declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 da after the date of the proclamation.					
24 25 26	The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation a ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.					
27	SUMMARY					
28	This bill authorizes a General Fund bond issue of \$15,000,000 to be used as follows:					
29 30 31 32	1. To provide \$5,000,000 for state match on federal superfund sites, uncontrol hazardous substance site investigation and remediation and response actions at s contaminated with emerging pollutants, such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroal substances, at dry cleaner sites and at brownfield sites;					
33 34 35	2. To provide \$5,000,000 for wastewater treatment facility planning, construct grants and hydrographic modeling, prioritizing areas with high-value shellfish resource and					
36 37	3. To provide \$5,000,000 to establish a revolving loan fund for the purchase and installation of high-performance air source heat pumps in Maine residences.					
38	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED					

(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland
Committee: Not Referred
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Term (years)	Principal	Rate (%)	Interest	Total Cost
10	\$10,000,000	4.25%	\$2,337,500	\$12,337,500
10	\$5,000,000	4.75%	\$1,306,250	\$6,306,250
	Month/Year	- 1	-	Length Standard
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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 \$172,000 may be required.