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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 305, L.D. 953, "An Act To Improve Affordable Housing Options and Services To Address Homelessness"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5222, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Affordable housing. "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as in section 5246, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §12, is further amended by amending subparagraph (7) to read:

(7) Organizational costs relating to the establishment of the district, including, but not limited to, the costs of conducting environmental impact and other studies and the costs of informing the public about the creation of development districts and the implementation of project plans; and

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §12, is further amended by amending subparagraph (8) to read:

(8) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements; and

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §12, is further amended by enacting subparagraph (9) to read:

(9) Costs associated with the development and operation of housing, including, but not limited to, authorized project costs for improvements as described in section 5249 even if such improvements are not made within an affordable housing development district as defined in section 5246, subsection 2.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (4) (page 2, lines 36 and 37 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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1 '(4) Authorized project costs for improvements as described in section 5249 in
2 support of municipal economic development activities regardless of whether such
3 costs are within an affordable housing development district as defined in section
4 5246, subsection 2;'

5 Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraph (11)
6 (page 4, lines 7 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 7 '(11) Costs associated with the operation and financial support of:
8 (a) Affordable housing in the municipality or plantation to serve ongoing
9 economic development efforts, including the further development of the
10 downtown tax increment financing districts; and
11 (b) Housing programs and services to assist those who are experiencing
12 homelessness in the municipality or plantation as defined in the municipality's
13 or plantation's development program.'

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

15 **'Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:
16 E. Costs associated with the development and operation of affordable housing or
17 housing services for persons who are experiencing homelessness as defined in the
18 municipality's or plantation's development program.'

19 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
20 number to read consecutively.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment clarifies the conditions under which costs associated with affordable
23 housing may be included within a tax increment financing program.