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7 131ST LEGISLATURE

8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 906, L.D. 2113, "An Act to Provide  
10 Relief to Federal Employees Affected by a Federal Shutdown"

11 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

12 'An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal  
13 Government or State Government Shutdown'

14 Amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 2nd paragraph in the first line (page  
15 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Government" the following: 'or the State  
16 Government'

17 Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page  
18 1, lines 5 to 7 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

19 'Whereas, during a partial shutdown or full shutdown of the Federal Government or  
20 the State Government, these federal or state employees are not paid, regardless of whether  
21 they are working, which causes enormous stress, both fiscal and emotional, on those  
22 employees; and'

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

24 'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §159 is enacted to read:

25 §159. Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund established

26 The Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund, referred to in this section  
27 as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account within  
28 the Office of the Treasurer of State. All money received by the fund from any source,  
29 including any transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus, must be credited to  
30 the fund. Money credited to the fund must be used to guarantee the repayment of loans  
31 made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to Title  
32 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15.'

33 Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by  
34 striking out the following: "FEDERAL" and inserting the following: 'GOVERNMENT'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 906, L.D. 2113 (5-6-97)

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Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 30 to 34 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

**1. Affected employee.** "Affected employee" means a person employed by the Federal Government or the State Government or any federal or state agency who, during a shutdown, is:

A. A resident of the State; and

B. Required to work as a federal or state employee without pay or furloughed as a federal or state employee without pay.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH in subsection 11 in the first line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH in subsection 12 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Government" the following: 'or the State Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-HH in subsection 12 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "14" and inserting the following: '7'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in the first line (page 2, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in subsection 1 in the first line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 2, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-II in subsection 1 in the 6th line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following: '159'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-JJ in subsection 1 in paragraph B in subparagraph (1) in the first line (page 3, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "federal" the following: 'or state'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-KK in subsection 2 in the 4th line (page 5, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-KK in subsection 2 in the 5th line (page 5, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following: '159'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-LL in subsection 4 in the next to the last line (page 5, line 36 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 2 in sub-c. 15 in §1100-LL in subsection 4 in the last line (page 5, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following: '159'

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 906, L.D. 2113 (S 647)

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Amend the bill in section 3 in the 3rd line (page 6, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

Amend the bill in section 3 in the 4th line (page 6, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "158" and inserting the following: '159'

Amend the bill in section 4 in the 5th line (page 6, line 16 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Federal" and inserting the following: 'Government'

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

**Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF**

**Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund N296**

Initiative: Establishes the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund with a \$250,000 transfer from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$250,000	\$0
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, changes the title of the bill. The amendment also changes the name of the loan guarantee program established in the bill and expands the scope of employees eligible for the program to include state employees affected by a shutdown. The amendment also changes the definition of "shutdown" to mean a full or partial shutdown of the Federal Government or the State Government that lasts longer than 7 days. The bill defined "shutdown" to mean a full or partial shutdown of the Federal Government that lasts longer than 14 days.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2113

LR 2948(02)

An Act to Provide Relief to Federal Employees Affected by a Federal Shutdown

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-647)  
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	(\$250,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides a one-time transfer of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund and it includes an allocation of \$250,000 to the Office of Treasurer of State to allow expenditures from the fund. If this amount is not sufficient to cover the State's liability, additional funding will be required.

Additional costs to the Finance Authority of Maine to establish and administer the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.