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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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tion granted under this section to an individual consumer-owned water utility or to a class of consumer-owned water utilities; and

B. The commission may on its own motion rescind an exemption granted under this section to an individual consumer-owned water utility or to a class of consumer-owned water utilities.

A rescission may be in whole or in part and may be specific to an individual consumer-owned water utility.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 574

H.P. 1260 - L.D. 1756

An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Support Biomedical Research in Maine

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 \$10,000,000 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 agencies and entities set forth in this section.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Technology Institute

Provides funds, to be awarded through a competitive process and to be matched by \$11,000,000 in private and other funds, to expand the State's research capabilities in the areas of mammalian genetics and murine biometric analytics, make the State a global resource for precision medicine, improve the State's capacity to attract and retain young professionals and bring additional grant funding, private sector investment, job growth and economic activity to the State.

Total \$10,000,000

Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue. Sections 1 to 5 do not become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth in this Act.

Sec. 7. Appropriation balances at year-end. At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of general obligation bonds.

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.

Sec. 9. Report. The Department of Economic and Community Development shall report by January 15th annually, until the bond proceeds authorized by this Act have been fully expended, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint

standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over research and economic development matters.

Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at election; form of question; effective date. This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State at 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, towns 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:

"Do you favor a \$10,000,000 bond issue, to be awarded through a competitive process and to be matched by \$11,000,000 in private and other funds, to build a research center and to discover genetic solutions for cancer and the diseases of aging, to promote job growth and private sector investment in this State, to attract and retain young professionals and make the State a global leader in genomic medicine?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of this Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay and this Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

**CHAPTER 575
H.P. 870 - L.D. 1230**

**An Act To Improve Access to
Oral Health Care**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-XX is enacted to read:

§3174-XX. Dental hygiene therapy reimbursement

1. Reimbursement. By October 1, 2015, the department shall provide for the reimbursement under

the MaineCare program of dental hygiene therapists practicing as authorized under Title 32, chapter 16, subchapter 3-C for the procedures identified in their scope of practice. Reimbursement must be provided to dental hygiene therapists directly or to a federally qualified health center pursuant to section 3174-V when a dental hygiene therapist is employed as a core provider at the center.

2. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§19, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 256, Pt. M, §10, is amended to read:

19. Title 24-A, chapter 67. Medicare supplement insurance policies, Title 24-A, chapter 67; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§20, as amended by PL 2003, c. 428, Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:

20. Title 24-A, chapters 68 and 68-A. Long-term care insurance, nursing home care insurance and home health care insurance, Title 24-A, chapters 68 and 68-A; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 24 MRSA §2317-B, sub-§21 is enacted to read:

21. Title 24-A, sections 2765-A and 2847-U. The practice of dental hygiene by a dental hygiene therapist, Title 24-A, sections 2765-A and 2847-U.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2765-A is enacted to read:

§2765-A. Coverage for services provided by dental hygiene therapist

1. Services provided by dental hygiene therapist. An insurer that issues individual dental insurance or health insurance that includes coverage for dental services shall provide coverage for dental services performed by a dental hygiene therapist licensed under Title 32, chapter 16, subchapter 3-C when those services are covered services under the contract and when they are within the lawful scope of practice of the dental hygiene therapist.

2. Limits; coinsurance; deductibles. A contract that provides coverage for the services required by this section may contain provisions for maximum benefits and coinsurance and reasonable limitations, deductibles and exclusions to the extent that these provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements of this section.

3. Coordination of benefits with dental insurance. If an enrollee eligible for coverage under this section is eligible for coverage under a dental insurance policy or contract and a health insurance policy