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**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Provide Funds
for Infrastructure Projects across the State and To Direct the
Department of Environmental Protection To Establish a State
Infrastructure Adaptation Fund and Predevelopment Assistance
Program**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and
Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, CARNEY of Cumberland, President JACKSON of
Aroostook, Representatives: BLUME of York, DOUDERA of Camden.

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

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

5 **PART A**

6 **Sec. A-1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the
7 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an
8 amount not exceeding \$100,000,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Part.
9 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for
10 a period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

11 **Sec. A-2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State
12 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the name
13 of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of sale
14 and the date when payable.

15 **Sec. A-3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of
16 State may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may
17 be loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the
18 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State
19 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set
20 forth in this Part. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project
21 in this Part lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of
22 general obligation bonds.

23 **Sec. A-4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest
24 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Part and all sums coming due for payment
25 of bonds at maturity.

26 **Sec. A-5. Disbursement of bond proceeds from General Fund bond issue.**
27 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Part must be expended as
28 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies
29 and entities set forth in this section.

30 **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

31 Provides funding to establish a state infrastructure adaptation fund and predevelopment
32 assistance program, designed to leverage federal recovery support in the short term and
33 to address significant and ongoing infrastructure adaptation needs in the long term.

34 Total \$100,000,000

35 **Sec. A-6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not
36 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set forth
37 in this Part.

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

1 **SUMMARY**

2 The funds provided by this bond issue, in the amount of \$100,000,000, will be used to
3 provide funding to establish a state infrastructure adaptation fund and predevelopment
4 assistance program, designed to leverage federal recovery support in the short term and to
5 address significant and ongoing infrastructure adaptation needs in the long term. The bill
6 also directs the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a state infrastructure
7 adaptation fund and predevelopment assistance program in 2022.