An Act To Authorize Early Payment of Anticipated Funds to the
Loring Job Increment Financing Fund

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 11, 2021. Referred to the Committee
on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business pursuant to Joint Rule
308.2 and ordered printed.

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield and
Representatives: MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MARTIN of Sinclair.
Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes the payment of anticipated funds to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund in advance of the payment scheduled on July 31, 2021; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13080-S, sub-§3, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. At any time during the 12 months preceding the July 31, 2021 payment date, the assessor, at the direction of the Governor or upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, shall deposit into the contingent account and pay to the fund an amount not to exceed the anticipated payment amount to the fund or the amount paid the previous year, whichever is greater. Any difference between the amount advanced and the amount finally determined to be due, in the event of an underpayment, must be added to the final payment due by July 31, 2021 or, in the event of an overpayment, must be deducted from the final payment due by July 31, 2022.

This paragraph is repealed August 1, 2022.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Tax Assessor, at the direction of the Governor or upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, to deposit into the contingent account and pay to the Loring Job Increment Financing Fund an amount not to exceed the anticipated payment amount to the fund or the amount paid the previous year, whichever is greater.

It provides that any difference between the amount advanced and the amount finally determined to be due, in the event of an underpayment, must be added to the final payment due by July 31, 2021 or, in the event of an overpayment, must be deducted from the final payment due by July 31, 2022. It repeals the temporary provision on August 1, 2022.