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## **An Act To Allow Telecommunications Infrastructure Investment in Development Districts for Municipalities and Plantations**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §13, is further amended to read:

B. Costs of improvements that are made outside the tax increment financing district but are directly related to or are made necessary by the establishment or operation of the district, including, but not limited to:

(1) That portion of the costs reasonably related to the construction, alteration or expansion of any facilities not located within the district that are required due to improvements or activities within the district, including, but not limited to, sewage treatment plants, water treatment plants or other environmental protection devices; storm or sanitary sewer lines; water lines; electrical lines; cellular telephone towers; broadband infrastructure; improvements to fire stations; and amenities on streets;

(2) Costs of public safety improvements made necessary by the establishment of the district; and

(3) Costs of funding to mitigate any adverse impact of the district upon the municipality or plantation and its constituents. This funding may be used for public facilities and improvements if:

(a) The public facilities or improvements are located in a downtown tax increment financing district; and

(b) The entire tax increment from the downtown tax increment financing district is committed to the development program of the tax increment financing district;

### **SUMMARY**

This bill adds cellular telephone towers and broadband infrastructure to the list of authorized project costs in the laws governing development districts for municipalities and plantations.