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

'An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Improve Multimodal Facilities, Highways and Bridges and Municipal Culverts'

Amend the bill in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$100,000,000" and inserting the following: '\$106,000,000'

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

'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.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Provides funds to construct or reconstruct Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority 3 corridors under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7 and associated improvements, for the department's municipal partnership initiative and to replace and rehabilitate bridges.

Total \$80,000,000

Provides funds for facilities and equipment related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, freight and passenger railroads, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails that preserve public safety or otherwise have demonstrated high economic value, including property acquisition.

Total \$20,000,000

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY

Provides funds for improvements to, and remediation of, the Maine Maritime Academy's waterfront pier in Castine.

Total \$1,000,000

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Provides funds for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings in order to improve fish and wildlife habitats and increase community safety. Eligible project sponsors include local governments, municipal conservation commissions, soil and water conservation districts and private nonprofit organizations. A proposal for funding from an eligible project sponsor must include a map and summary of the proposed project, describing how it meets the following criteria:

1. Contribution to competitive grant program goals. The extent to which the proposed project allows communities to more effectively prepare for storm and flood events and advances the goals of restoring habitat for fish, including sea-run fish and native brook trout, and wildlife, including:

A. The priority status of the culvert to be upgraded or replaced for native brook trout and sea-run fish restoration, based on available stream survey data, statewide prioritization for aquatic connectivity and presence in priority watersheds of salmon, alewives and other diadromous fishes;

B. Confirmation that the culvert proposed for upgrade or replacement is on a municipal road, not a state road or private road;

C. The extent to which the proposed project meets the Department of Environmental Protection's design standard of at least 1.2 times the stream's bankfull width, with a natural stream bottom or embedded structure, and meets or exceeds the Department of Transportation's 100-year flood standard;

D. The degree of urgency of the proposed project, including whether a culvert is at high risk of failure due to age, location within a watershed or reach with high flood risk or severe flood history; and

E. The expected contribution to reducing the frequency or severity of flooding to upstream and downstream communities and improving storm water management within the proposed project area; and

2. Cost-effectiveness. The extent to which the proposed project represents an efficient and cost-effective investment, including the proportion of total project funding that will be provided from other sources and the potential avoided costs associated with the proposed project. Funds may not be used to cover all of the costs associated with a proposed project.

Total \$5,000,000

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Amend the bill in section 9 by striking out all of the question and inserting the following:

"Do you favor a \$106,000,000 bond issue, including \$101,000,000 for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities and equipment related to ports, piers, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds, and \$5,000,000 for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings?"

SUMMARY

This amendment authorizes the issuance of \$1,000,000 in General Fund bonds for improvements to, and remediation of, the Maine Maritime Academy's waterfront pier in Castine and \$5,000,000 in General Fund bonds for a competitive grant program that matches local funding for the upgrade of municipal culverts at stream crossings.