**An Act Relating to the Valuation of Retail Sales Facilities**

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

**Sec.** **1. 36 MRSA §701-A,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 389, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

In establishing the just value of a retail sales facility, as defined in section 6651, subsection 5, consideration must be given to the following 3 recognized approaches to determining just value: the cost less depreciation approach, the income approach and the comparable sales approach. With respect to comparable sales, the assessor must consider those properties that are reasonably similar to the property being valued with regard to age, condition, use, type of construction, location, design, physical features and economic characteristics.

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that, in establishing the just value of retail sales facilities, consideration must be given to 3 recognized approaches to valuation of commercial property and that the assessor must consider the value of reasonably similar properties with regard to age, condition, use, type of construction, location, design, physical features and economic characteristics.