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**An Act To Require Transparency of the Ownership of All
Companies Providing Funds To Build Infrastructure for
Development Purposes**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LONGSTAFF of Waterville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BECK of Waterville, CAMPBELL of Orrington, FOWLE of
Vassalboro, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor,
MARTIN of Sinclair, NADEAU of Winslow.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 167** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 167**

4 **TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE FUNDING OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR**
5 **DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES**

6 **§2041. Private entity ownership information**

7 **1. Ownership information.** Before a private entity enters into an agreement with a
8 state agency or other governmental entity to provide funding for the construction of
9 infrastructure for development purposes, the private entity must provide complete
10 information about the ownership of the private entity to the state agency or other
11 governmental entity for immediate release to the public. Information in possession of the
12 state agency or other governmental entity about the ownership of the private entity is a
13 public record for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.

14 **2. Application.** This chapter applies to all construction of infrastructure for
15 development purposes, including but not limited to transportation-related services and
16 contracts for construction and maintenance that, by law, are under the supervision of the
17 Department of Transportation.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires a private entity to provide complete information about the
20 ownership of that entity before it enters into an agreement with a governmental entity to
21 provide funding for the construction of infrastructure for development purposes. The
22 information must be provided to the governmental entity, which shall immediately release
23 that information to the public. Information about such private entities is a public record
24 for the purpose of the Freedom of Access Act.

25 This bill applies to all construction of infrastructure for development purposes,
26 including contracts that the Department of Transportation supervises.