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House of Representatives, March 8, 2011

**An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue To Create an
Animal and Plant Diagnostic Facility at the University of Maine**

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAY of Palmyra, FOSTER of Augusta, GIFFORD of
Lincoln, KENT of Woolwich, McCABE of Skowhegan, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, Senator:
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

1 **Preamble.** Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in
2 accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the
3 issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds as described in this
4 Act,

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

6 **Sec. 1. Authorization of bonds.** The Treasurer of State is authorized, under the
7 direction of the Governor, to issue bonds in the name and on behalf of the State in an
8 amount not exceeding \$7,200,000 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act. The
9 bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for a
10 period longer than 10 years from the date of the original issue of the bonds.

11 **Sec. 2. Records of bonds issued; Treasurer of State.** The Treasurer of State
12 shall ensure that an account of each bond is kept showing the number of the bond, the
13 name of the successful bidder to whom sold, the amount received for the bond, the date of
14 sale and the date when payable.

15 **Sec. 3. Sale; how negotiated; proceeds appropriated.** The Treasurer of State
16 may negotiate the sale of the bonds by direction of the Governor, but no bond may be
17 loaned, pledged or hypothecated on behalf of the State. The proceeds of the sale of the
18 bonds, which must be held by the Treasurer of State and paid by the Treasurer of State
19 upon warrants drawn by the State Controller, are appropriated solely for the purposes set
20 forth in this Act. Any unencumbered balances remaining at the completion of the project
21 in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the retirement of
22 general obligation bonds.

23 **Sec. 4. Interest and debt retirement.** The Treasurer of State shall pay interest
24 due or accruing on any bonds issued under this Act and all sums coming due for payment
25 of bonds at maturity.

26 **Sec. 5. Disbursement of bond proceeds; allocations from General Fund**
27 **bond issue.** The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be
28 expended as designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of
29 the agencies and entities set forth in this section.

30 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

31 **University of Maine System**
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33 Provides funds for a freestanding Biosafety Level 3 laboratory, including an animal
34 diagnostic laboratory and a plant diagnostic and insect identification laboratory. This
35 facility will enable animal and plant population health monitoring for exotic or
36 zoonotic diseases as well as the study of animal and plant pathogens and containment
37 of arthropods in a highly secure setting.

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39 Total \$7,200,000

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