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An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves

Submitted by the Finance Authority of Maine pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1511, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

§1511. Loan Insurance Reserve

The State Controller may, at the close of each fiscal year, as the next priority after the transfers authorized pursuant to section 1507, transfer from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Loan Insurance Reserve amounts as may be available from time to time, up to an amount of \$1,000,000 per year after the transfers have been made pursuant to section 1507. The balance of this reserve must be paid to the Finance Authority of Maine if such payment does not cause the balance in the reserve fund maintained by the authority, when added to amounts held in the Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund that are not committed or encumbered for another purpose, to exceed \$40,000,000 \$50,000,000. Any balance in the Loan Insurance Reserve is appropriated for this purpose.

14 SUMMARY

This bill increases the cap on the combined amount that the Finance Authority of Maine may have in its Loan Insurance Reserve and Finance Authority of Maine Mortgage Insurance Fund from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. Below that cap a transfer of up to \$1,000,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund is allowed under certain circumstances.