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In Senate, March 7, 2019

An Act To Expand Tax Increment Financing

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative TIPPING of Orono and
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, FARRIN of Somerset, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 101, §13, is
3 further amended to read:

4 B. Costs of improvements that are made outside the tax increment financing district
5 but are directly related to or are made necessary by the establishment or operation of
6 the district, including, but not limited to:

7 (1) That portion of the costs reasonably related to the construction, alteration or
8 expansion of any facilities not located within the district that are required due to
9 improvements or activities within the district, including, but not limited to,
10 sewage treatment plants, water treatment plants or other environmental protection
11 devices; storm or sanitary sewer lines; water lines; electrical lines; improvements
12 to ~~fire stations~~ public safety facilities; and amenities on streets;

13 (2) Costs of public safety improvements made necessary by the establishment of
14 the district; and

15 (3) Costs of funding to mitigate any adverse impact of the district upon the
16 municipality or plantation and its constituents. This funding may be used for
17 public facilities and improvements if:

18 (a) The public facilities or improvements are located in a downtown tax
19 increment financing district; and

20 (b) The entire tax increment from the downtown tax increment financing
21 district is committed to the development program of the tax increment
22 financing district;

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill expands the types of projects eligible for tax increment financing for
25 municipalities and plantations by including public safety facilities instead of just fire
26 stations, as in the current law.