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### **An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects**

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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  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative CAMPBELL of Orrington and  
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, JOHNSON of Lincoln, KATZ of Kennebec, MILLETT  
of Cumberland, Representatives: JORGENSEN of Portland, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle,  
SAUCIER of Presque Isle, WARREN of Hallowell.

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 \$13,871,389 for the purposes described in section 5 of this Act.  
9 The bonds are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the State. The bonds may not run for  
10 a 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  
21 projects in this Act lapse to the Office of the Treasurer of State to be used for the  
22 retirement of 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 from General Fund bond issue.**  
27 The proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized under this Act must be expended as  
28 designated in the following schedule under the direction and supervision of the agencies  
29 and entities set forth in this section.

30           **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT**  
31           **OF**

32           Provides funds to be used for design and construction of 50 approved bicycle and  
33 pedestrian projects awaiting funding.

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35           Total \$13,871,389

36           **Sec. 6. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 5 do not  
37 become effective unless the people of the State ratify the issuance of the bonds as set  
38 forth in this Act.

