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**An Act To Allow Telecommunications Infrastructure Investment in  
Development Districts for Municipalities and Plantations**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation 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 LIBBY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative SKOLFIELD of Weld and  
Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis, Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

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; cellular  
12 telephone towers; broadband infrastructure; improvements to fire stations; and  
13 amenities on streets;

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

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

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

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

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill adds cellular telephone towers and broadband infrastructure to the list of  
26 authorized project costs in the laws governing development districts for municipalities  
27 and plantations.