

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

H.P. 273 - L.D. 347

**An Act To Provide Sustainable Funding for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure****Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §6006-H, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 377, §2, is amended to read:

A. The fund is established in the custody of the bank as a special fund to provide financial assistance for capital investment in public water and wastewater infrastructure. For the purposes of this section, "public water and wastewater infrastructure" includes, but is not limited to public water systems, drinking water supplies and treatment facilities, public wastewater systems and treatment facilities and water pollution abatement systems. The fund may also be used to provide financial assistance for capital investment in private and commercial wastewater systems as allowed under Title 38, sections 411 and 411-A.

**Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §6054, sub-§5, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. B, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Thirty percent to the State Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund established pursuant to section 6006-H and divided as follows:

(1) Forty-five percent to an account within the State Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund for drinking water purposes divided as follows:

(a) Up to the maximum amount allowed for the state match for federal funds provided to the safe drinking water revolving loan fund established under section 6006-B to an account within the Department of Health and Human Services for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems; and

(b) The remainder to the Maine Drinking Water Fund established pursuant to Title 22, section 2610; and

(2) Fifty-five percent to an account within the State Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Fund for wastewater purposes divided as follows:

(a) Up to the maximum amount allowed for the state match for federal funds provided to the revolving loan fund established under section 6006-A to an account within the Department of Environmental Protection for revolving loans for wastewater treatment; and

(b) The remainder to the Maine Clean Water Fund established pursuant to Title 38, section 411-C;

**Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §411-C, sub-§1, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 377, §3, is amended to read:

A. The fund is established as a nonlapsing fund to provide financial assistance, in accordance with subsection 2, for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, repair, protection and improvement of public wastewater systems and treatment facilities and water pollution abatement systems.

**Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §411-C, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 377, §3, is amended to read:

A. To make grants to public wastewater systems under sections 411, 411-A and 412;