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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 1103, L.D. 1714, “An Act to Create a Sustainable Funding Source for Recovery Community Centers Using a Percentage of the Adult Use Cannabis Tax Revenue”

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 2nd instructional paragraph the following:

'Amend the bill in section 1 in §20012 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 1, lines 21 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

- 2. Sources of funds.** The State Controller shall credit to the fund:
 - A. Beginning July 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, a transfer of \$2,000,000 from the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund established in Title 28-B, section 1101 for operational support for recovery community centers and to provide funding for capacity building for recently established or new recovery community centers;
 - B. All money from any other source, whether public or private, designated for deposit into or credited to the fund; and
 - C. Interest earned or other investment income on balances in the fund.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 32 and 33 and page 2, lines 1 and 2 in amendment) and inserting the following:

3. Uses of fund. Money credited to the fund pursuant to subsection 2 must be expended by the office to fund recovery community centers. Money distributed from the fund must supplement, and may not supplant, the level of state General Fund dollars received from the State by a recovery community center in fiscal year 2022-23.'

Amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of the first and 2nd instructional paragraphs and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:
Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §1101, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:
C-1. Money credited to the fund must be expended to provide a transfer of \$2,000,000 by July 31st annually to the Recovery Community Centers Fund established pursuant to Title 5, section 20012 for operational support for recovery community centers and

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1 to provide funding for capacity building for recently established or new recovery
2 community centers.'

3 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

4 '**Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §1101, sub-§2, ¶D,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 444, §1, is
5 amended to read:

6 D. Any funds remaining in the fund after expenditures made in accordance with
7 paragraphs A to C C-1 must be used to fund:

8 (1) The cost of the tax deductions for business expenses related to carrying on a
9 business as a cannabis establishment or a testing facility provided pursuant to Title
10 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph PP and Title 36, section 5200-A,
11 subsection 2, paragraph BB. By June 1st annually, the State Tax Assessor shall
12 determine the cost of those deductions during the prior calendar year and report
13 that amount to the State Controller, who shall transfer that amount from the
14 remaining funds in the fund to the General Fund; and

15 (2) The cost of the position in the Bureau of Revenue Services within the
16 department to administer the tax deductions provided pursuant to Title 36, section
17 5122, subsection 2, paragraph PP and Title 36, section 5200-A, subsection 2,
18 paragraph BB. By June 1st annually, the commissioner shall determine the cost of
19 the position in the bureau to administer those deductions during the prior calendar
20 year and report that amount to the State Controller, who shall transfer that amount
21 from the remaining funds in the fund to the General Fund.'

22 Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

23 '**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
24 allocations are made.

25 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

26 **Recovery Community Centers Fund N445**

27 Initiative: Provides allocation to allow expenditures for recovery community centers.

28 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
29 All Other	\$0	\$500
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31 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500

32 '
33 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
34 section number to read consecutively.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment amends Committee Amendment "A" to remove from the bill the
37 requirement that a portion of sales tax revenue received on the sale of adult use cannabis
38 and adult use cannabis products and of the excise tax revenue collected on the sale of adult
39 use cannabis be credited to the Recovery Community Centers Fund established by the bill.
40 Instead, it requires that, beginning July 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, \$2,000,000 from
41 the Adult Use Cannabis Public Health and Safety and Municipal Opt-in Fund established

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1 in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 28-B, section 1101 be transferred to the Recovery
2 Community Centers Fund to fund recovery community centers. The amendment also
3 replaces the appropriations and allocations section.

4 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

5 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

6 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**