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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 585, L.D. 778, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Process of Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grants”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. 6 MRSA §17, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, §30, is amended to read:

1. Development. Aid and assist municipalities and other political subdivisions in the development, ~~maintenance and operation~~ of their public airports;

Sec. 3. 6 MRSA §17, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, §30, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 6 MRSA §18, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, §31, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 6 MRSA §18, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Primary Airport Capital Improvement Grant Program; administration approval. The Primary Airport Capital Improvement Grant Program, referred to in this subsection as "the state grant program," is established as a discretionary grant program administered by the department. The department shall distribute available state grant program funds to primary airports for eligible capital improvement projects as determined by the department. Funds may also be distributed to an eligible municipality or political subdivision of the State for airport equipment that is eligible under the administration's airport improvement program. The department shall provide state grant program funds to evenly share the local match with the eligible municipality or political subdivision of the State for the administration's airport improvement program grant offer and award an amount contingent upon the availability of state grant program funds. State grant program funds may be distributed only to projects ready for construction that are approved by the administration as eligible for state grant program funds. The department is not responsible for oversight or eligibility of projects under this subsection.

Sec. 6. 6 MRSA §18, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 678, §31, is amended to read:

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1 This amendment also provides that federal aid requests made by municipalities or
2 other political subdivisions for primary airport improvement projects are not subject to
3 approval by the Commissioner of Transportation.