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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 328, L.D. 444, Bill, "An Act to Permit Senior Citizens to Remain in Their Homes by Providing Funds for Necessary Modifications"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Requirements; limits. The following provisions govern assistance to be given by the Maine State Housing Authority under the Keeping Seniors Home pilot program during the 2000-2001 biennium.

1. There is a maximum limit of \$10,000 of assistance per project.

2. A lien must be put on each piece of property for which assistance is provided, except for projects of less than \$1,500.

3. A minimum of 2 bids for each project must be received prior to providing assistance, unless not feasible.

4. Eligible project work is limited to improvements that accomplish the goal of the Keeping Seniors Home pilot program.

5. Volunteers must be used by the Maine State Housing Authority whenever possible.

Sec. 2. Report. The Maine State Housing Authority, in consultation with the Department of Human Services, must report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs by January

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15, 2001 on savings to existing General Fund programs resulting from the Keeping Seniors Home pilot program.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1999-00	2000-01
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MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Keeping Seniors Home

All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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Provides one-time funding for the 2000-2001 biennium only, to assist certain residents over 60 years of age with modifications to their homes to prevent or delay placement in nursing facilities.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

	1999-00	2000-01
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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in each of fiscal years 1999-00 and 2000-01 for the Maine State Housing Authority to assist certain residents over 60 with modifications to their homes.

The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to assist in preparing the required report. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides General Fund appropriations totaling \$2,000,000 over the 2000-2001 biennium to the Maine State Housing

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2 Authority to support the Keeping Seniors Home pilot program. The
amendment also adds provisions that govern program expenditures
and require a report on savings to existing General Fund programs
4 resulting from the Keeping Seniors Home program. The amendment
also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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