

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 819

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

An Act to Establish Requirements for Warming Shelters

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLIKEN of Blue Hill.
Cosponsored by Representative: SUPICA of Bangor.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 279** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 279**

4 **WARMING SHELTERS**

5 **§1700-F. Warming shelters required**

6 A county or municipality in this State shall make available a warming shelter, at an
7 appropriate venue accessible to the public, whenever the temperature is expected to be
8 below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The warming shelter must be open outside the normal
9 operating hours of the venue providing the warming shelter.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires each county and municipality in this State to make available a
12 warming shelter, at an appropriate venue accessible to the public, to be open outside the
13 normal operating hours of the venue, whenever the temperature is expected to be below 40
14 degrees Fahrenheit.