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H.P. 1116

House of Representatives, April 17, 2025

**An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing
Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by
Updating the Definition of "Public Service Infrastructure"**

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and
ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CURRY of Waldo and
Representatives: ARATA of New Gloucester, DOUDERA of Camden, FARRIN of Jefferson,
Speaker FECTION of Biddeford, GERE of Kennebunkport, JULIA of Waterville, ROLLINS
of Augusta, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5903, sub-§8-A, as amended by PL 2001, c. 90, §3, is further amended to read:

8-A. Public service infrastructure. "Public service infrastructure" means those facilities that are essential for public health, welfare and safety. Those facilities include, without limitation, sewage treatment facilities, municipal water supply and treatment facilities, solid waste facilities, public safety equipment and facilities, roads, traffic control devices and other transportation facilities, sidewalks, trees, buried utility lines and other streetscape improvements, parks and other open space or recreational areas, public access to coastal and inland waters, geographic information systems, municipal shelter facilities and housing projects managed and operated by a municipality or a municipal housing authority, as defined in section 4702, subsection 10-A, and any other public facility that benefits the public.

SUMMARY

This bill adds municipal shelter facilities and housing projects managed and operated by a municipality or a municipal housing authority to the definition of "public service infrastructure."