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Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA § 3050, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The reason shall accompany the notice of cancellation and, except for policies in force less than 60 days, a notification of the right to apply for a hearing before the Superintendent of Insurance within 15 days as provided herein shall accompany the notice of cancellation.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA § 3051, first ¶, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, and as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is further amended to read: The reason shall accompany the notice of intent not to renew, together with notification of the right to apply for a hearing before the ~~superintendent~~ Superintendent of Insurance within 15 days as provided.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA § 3051, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 239, and as amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The reason or reasons for the intended nonrenewal action shall accompany the notice of intent not to renew and the reason or reasons shall be explicit. Explanations such as "underwriting reasons," "underwriting experience," "loss record," "location of risk," "credit report" and similar insurance terms are not by themselves acceptable explanations of an insurer's intended nonrenewal of a policy insuring property of the kind defined in section 3048.

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA § 3055 is enacted to read:

§ 3055. Superintendent's authority to suspend

In the event of impairment or serious financial difficulty of an insurer or insurers, the superintendent shall have the authority to suspend the provisions of the Maine Property Insurance Cancellation Control Act from applying to the policies of the financially distressed insurer or insurers.

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CHAPTER 415

AN ACT to Require Housing Authorities and Other Agencies to Submit Annual Data about Housing Programs.

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

5 MRSA § 3306-A is enacted to read:

§ 3306-A. Housing data reports

1. Intent and purpose. It is the intent of the Legislature to promote the development of coordinated policies, programs and services in order to address more adequately the basic housing needs of the people of the State of Maine. It is the purpose of this section to encourage such coordination by ensuring that the Governor and the Legislature are periodically informed about the various types of housing programs conducted and services provided in the State to meet such needs.

2. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following words shall have the following meanings.

A. The word "corporation" means any private nonprofit housing development corporation operating in the State;

B. The words "housing programs and services" mean any of the following activities:

- (1) Financing of single and multi-family homes;
- (2) The provision of home repair loans or grants;
- (3) The provision of home counseling and housing advocacy services;
- (4) The provision of direct services, such as home repairs and weatherization;
- (5) Tenant-landlord mediation;
- (6) The provision of rent supplements;
- (7) Planning for current and prospective housing needs; and
- (8) Management of rental housing.

C. The word "instrumentality" means a department, agency, board, commission, authority or other instrumentality of the State; or an authority, commission or other instrumentality of a municipality or municipalities which conducts or provides any of the housing programs and services specified in paragraph B.

3. Annual data required. Each instrumentality and each corporation shall prepare and submit to the State Planning Office data concerning its housing programs and services not later than October 15th of every year. Each of these instrumentalities and corporations shall prepare data according to the format developed by the State Planning Office. The State Planning Office shall develop the format in consultation with a Housing Data Advisory Group comprised of a representative of each of the following: The Maine State Housing Authority, local housing authorities, private nonprofit housing development corporations, municipal instrumentalities, and other state instrumentalities as specified in paragraph C.

4. Contents of reports. Each report submitted pursuant to subsection 3 shall include such information as the State Planning Office, in consultation

with the Housing Data Advisory Group, finds necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. Such information may include:

- A. Reference to the authorizing statutes and rules, a description of the responsible organizational unit within the instrumentality or corporation, a description of programs and services and a summary of objectives;
- B. Financial statement for the latest fiscal year ended prior to the date of submission of the annual data. For the purposes of this paragraph the word "year" shall, where possible, mean a fiscal year ending June 30th;
- C. A statement of needs and objectives for each housing program; and
- D. A statement of achievement in meeting needs and objectives.

5. State Planning Office. In addition to the other powers designated under this chapter, the State Planning Office shall have the authority to take actions pursuant to the purposes of this section, which are necessary to ensure that the Governor and Legislature are provided with information about housing programs and services in the State. This office shall carry out the following responsibilities.

- A. The office shall design a format for the reporting of information by instrumentalities and corporations pursuant to subsection 3.
- B. The office shall provide copies of the format to each instrumentality required to submit a report under subsection 3 not later than March 15th of every year.
- C. The office shall prepare a comprehensive report of statewide housing programs and services and shall submit this report to the Governor and the Legislature not later than January 15th of every year. This comprehensive report shall include at least the following information:

- (1) A summary and evaluation of and any necessary supplementation to the information provided in the reports submitted pursuant to subsection 3;
- (2) A description of federal programs operating in the State, including an analysis of how and to what extent these programs and services meet statewide housing need;
- (3) An analysis of current statewide housing stock and current statewide housing need and an estimate of housing stock and need over the next 5 years, including a description of assumptions on which the determination of housing need is based; and
- (4) An identification of actual or potential sources of revenue, including local, state, federal and private sources, for housing programs and services throughout the State.

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CHAPTER 416

AN ACT Concerning Confidential Financial Records.