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an update on the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6455-A and work accomplished by the collaborative in 2026 and 2027. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 613

S.P. 831 - L.D. 2042

An Act to Clarify the Requirement for Municipalities to Provide Public Notice in a Newspaper

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2007 is enacted to read:

<u>§2007. Public notice</u>

<u>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a municipality required by this Title to place a notice in a newspaper may meet this requirement by placing the notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website or the statewide repository for legal notices as described in Title 1, section 603, subsection 2, as long as either action is followed by placement of the notice in the next available print edition of the newspaper. The notice on the newspaper's publicly accessible website must contain all information required to be published in a newspaper.</u>

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CHAPTER 614

S.P. 844 - L.D. 2057

An Act to Support Rehabilitation and Development of Affordable Housing

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4832, as amended by PL 2017, c. 234, §27, is further amended to read:

§4832. Construction loans

The Maine State Housing Authority may ~~participate with financial institutions in the State in the making of~~ <u>make</u> construction loans ~~for the purpose of land development and the construction of housing units or housing projects for persons of low income,~~ <u>to support programs authorized under this chapter and</u> under any terms and conditions that the Maine State Housing Authority may establish by rule.

~~**1. Participation requirements.** Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, the Maine State Housing Authority may not participate in the making of construction loans unless a financial institution in the State agrees to participate in the loan at least to the extent of acting as escrow agent. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, financial institutions in the State may act as required by this subchapter.~~

~~A. The Maine State Housing Authority may make construction loans to state public bodies or other public instrumentalities and private nonprofit corporations without the participation of a financial institution.~~

~~B. If a project's financing requires that the Maine State Housing Authority participate in the construction loan at a level greater than 60%, the Maine State Housing Authority may make the whole construction loan without using an escrow agent.~~

2. Rules. The Maine State Housing Authority shall establish rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, governing, without limitation, the following subjects and procedures for ~~participating in~~ the making of construction loans:

A. The submission, review and acceptance of requests from borrowers for construction loans under this section;

B. Qualifications of borrowers;

C. Limitation on and standards for location and construction of housing units or housing projects;

D. Schedules of fees and other charges made by the authority ~~and the financial institution~~ to the borrower in accepting, reviewing and acting upon applications for construction loans under this subchapter; and

E. Restrictions on the interest rates charged by ~~the~~ financial institutions and the authority on the construction loans or the return on those loans to be realized by ~~the~~ <u>a</u> financial institution<u>, if the authority participates with a financial institution in making the construction loan</u>.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4833, as amended by PL 2023, c. 218, §2, is repealed.

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