

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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1. Noncompliance defined. A state agency is in noncompliance with this chapter if the agency:

- A. Purchases data processing equipment, software or services in noncompliance with this chapter; or
- B. Fails to adhere to the data processing standards established by the commissioner and the Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information Officer's designee.

2. Penalty. Any state agency found to be in noncompliance as defined in this section is prohibited from acquiring or purchasing data processing equipment, software and services until the commissioner or the Chief Information Officer determines that the state agency is in compliance with this chapter.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commissioner or the Chief Information Officer may act to acquire or purchase data processing equipment, software and services to maintain or meet the emergency needs of a state agency.

3. Cybersecurity services. Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 1553 and 1825-B, or any other statutory or regulatory provisions to the contrary, the Chief Information Officer, after reasonable investigation, may procure cybersecurity services on a retainer basis when determined necessary to ensure the State is prepared to detect, prevent and respond to cyberattacks.

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CHAPTER 699

H.P. 1431 - L.D. 2116

An Act to Extend the Sunset Date of the Affordable Housing Income Tax Credit

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-WW, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 555, §6, is amended to read:

3. Maximum credit; carry-forward. The total credit amount available pursuant to this section and section 2534 to be allocated by the authority for each calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and ending on or before December 31, ~~2028~~ 2036 is subject to the following limitations.

- A. The total allocation may not exceed \$10,000,000. Any portion of that amount not allocated in a calendar year may be carried forward and available to be allocated in subsequent calendar years, except that:

- (1) Any previously allocated credits returned to the authority, excluding any credits recaptured under subsection 7, must be added to that amount; and

- (2) The authority may not allocate more than \$15,000,000 in any calendar year.

B. No more than 20% of credits allocated in any calendar year may be allocated under subsection 2, paragraph B.

C. Ten percent of credits first available to be allocated in any calendar year must be set aside to be allocated for the purpose of qualified rural development preservation projects pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph B. Any portion of the amount under this paragraph not allocated in a calendar year must be carried forward and be available to be allocated in subsequent calendar years for the purpose of qualified rural development preservation projects. To the extent that any amounts set aside under this paragraph are not allocated on or before December 31, ~~2028~~ 2036, those amounts may be allocated by the authority without regard to whether the project is a qualified rural development preservation project.

D. Only those credits that have been carried forward or returned, excluding any credits recaptured under subsection 7, as described in this subsection may be allocated by the authority after December 31, ~~2028~~ 2036.

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CHAPTER 700

S.P. 813 - L.D. 2127

An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4907, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 559, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Limitations on amount of outstanding principal. The Maine State Housing Authority may not at any time have an aggregate principal amount outstanding, in excess of ~~\$3,000,000,000~~ \$4,000,000,000 of mortgage purchase bonds secured by the Housing Reserve Fund or a Capital Reserve Fund to which section 4906, subsection 3, paragraph A applies. Mortgage purchase bonds of the Maine State Housing Authority secured by capital reserve funds to which section 4906,