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STATE OF MAINE

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under paragraph H and only under the following conditions:

- (1) The sale or transfer must be part of a package deal that includes the food and lodging to be provided by the hunting outfitter to the person receiving the moose hunting lodge permit;
- (2) The hunter receiving the moose hunting lodge permit from the hunting outfitter must be accompanied during the hunt by a guide licensed under chapter 927;
- (3) The hunting outfitter must notify the department of the identity of the hunter receiving the moose hunting lodge permit;
- (4) The moose hunting lodge permit may not be sold or transferred by the hunter; and
- (5) The hunting outfitter may not buy, barter or sell or offer to buy, barter or sell a moose hunting lodge permit or the authority granted by a moose hunting lodge permit issued under this subsection to another hunting outfitter.

E. A hunting outfitter may be allocated more than one moose hunting lodge permit through the chance drawing described in this subsection.

F. A moose hunting lodge permit may be used only for the year, season, sex and wildlife management district for which the permit is issued except that:

- (1) A moose hunting lodge permit may be swapped with any other moose hunting lodge permit; and
- (2) A moose hunting lodge permit may not be swapped with a permit allocated under the public chance drawing under subsection 9 unless the original hunting outfitter that was awarded the moose hunting lodge permit wishes to swap for purposes of relocating that hunting outfitter's hunt to the wildlife management district where that hunting outfitter's licensed facility is located.

G. Moose hunting lodge permits allocated under this subsection may not exceed 5% of the total moose permits issued per year for each season, sex and wildlife management district permit type.

H. A resident or nonresident who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to hunt with a moose hunting permit issued under this subsection.

I. A hunter who obtains a moose hunting lodge permit is ineligible to apply for or obtain a permit from the public chance drawing under subsection 9 until the 4th calendar year after the issuance of the last permit.

J. If proceeds in any year from the auction authorized under subsection 11 are less than \$107,000, proceeds from the sale of moose hunting lodge permits must be used to fund youth conservation education programs as provided under subsection 11 in an amount of up to \$107,000. The remainder must be deposited in the Moose Research and Management Fund under section 10263.

K. A recipient of a moose hunting lodge permit may not sell a subpermittee or an alternate subpermittee designation.

L. The commissioner may authorize a person who holds a moose hunting lodge permit to defer the permit pursuant to subsections 12 and 17.

Sec. 4. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to update moose hunting lodge permit public chance drawing system.

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall update the moose hunting lodge permit chance drawing system under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11154, subsection 14-A to allow an applicant to indicate on the permit application the applicant's preference for moose hunting season and wildlife management district with the goal of reducing the need for hunting outfitters to swap permits.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 728

H.P. 1422 - L.D. 2107

An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §748 is enacted to read:

§748. Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Hate crime" means a crime in which the perpetrator selected the victim or the property that was damaged or otherwise affected by the crime because of the race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or homelessness of the victim or of the owner or occupant of that property.

B. "Program" means the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program established in subsection 2.

C. "Serious bodily injury" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 23.

D. "Terror attack" means an attack that causes serious bodily injury or death to multiple persons or causes substantial damage to a structure and is made for the purpose of intimidating or coercing a civilian population or to affect the conduct of government.

2. Program established. The Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program is established in the agency to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to improve security at property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks.

3. Eligibility. To be eligible for a grant from the program, a nonprofit organization must:

A. Be a tax-exempt organization under 26 United States Code, Section 501(c)(3); and

B. Demonstrate that the organization or the organization's facilities are at high risk of a hate crime or terror attack.

4. Use of grants. A nonprofit organization awarded a grant from the program shall use that grant for:

A. Physical security enhancements;

B. The cost of security personnel; or

C. The development or enhancement of security plans and protocols.

5. Administration. The agency shall administer the program and shall develop guidelines and criteria to award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations under subsection 3 using a request for proposals process.

6. Rules. The agency may adopt routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this section.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations in improving security to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks. A portion of allocated funds may be used by the Maine Emergency Management Agency for program administration. Any balance remaining in the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$200,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000
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CHAPTER 729

H.P. 1439 - L.D. 2124

An Act to Support Emergency Shelter Funding Using Revenue from the Real Estate Transfer Tax

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E-4 is enacted to read:

E-4. Notwithstanding paragraphs E-1 and E-2, the State Controller shall first credit \$1,012,617 in fiscal year 2026-27 of the revenues available to the Maine State Housing Authority under paragraph E-2, subparagraph (2), division (c) for the Housing Production Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4773 to the Maine State Housing Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the authority's shelter operating subsidy program to support emergency homeless shelters in the State.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Production Fund N557

Initiative: Reduces allocations to reflect a one-time decrease in revenue from shifting 2% of real estate transfer tax revenue from the Housing Production Fund program to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used for the shelter operating subsidy program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	(\$1,012,617)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,012,617)
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Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to support emergency homeless shelters in the State through the authority's shelter operating subsidy program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$1,012,617

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,012,617
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