

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1238

House of Representatives, April 7, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wood of Sanford.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Recognize the Maine Competition as the Official Housing Design Contest for the State of Maine and to Appropriate Moneys in the General Fund to Fund this Contest.**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 3308 is enacted to read:

§ 3308. Maine competition

The State Planning Office shall, in cooperation with public and private agencies within the State, conduct an annual housing design contest to be known as the Maine Competition. The Maine Competition shall be the official housing design contest of the State and shall consist of competition between persons submitting housing designs emphasizing energy efficiency and conservation, reliance on local resources and low construction cost.

The State Planning Office shall make all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this section and shall be responsible for promoting the contest, encouraging participation, supervising design entries, providing contest rules and guidelines, furnishing judges to select winning designs and providing for prizes or awards for those winning designs.

Sec. 2. **Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Executive Department, State Planning Office the sum of \$1,500 for the fiscal year 1977-78 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

State Planning Office  
All Other

1977-78

\$1,500

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The State Planning Office, the Maine State Housing Authority, and the Sam Ely Community Land Trust, in cooperation with 5 private financial institutions, held an alternative low cost housing design contest, known as the Maine Competition, during the past year. There were 30 entries all submitted by Maine residents, which emphasized energy efficiency, utilization of locally grown and processed lumber, and low cost construction. The Maine Competition has received national attention, stimulated interest in alternative owner built and designed housing, and shown that Maine can once again gain leadership in areas of national interest. There is a need for this type of individual effort to be encouraged and promoted.

There is a need for an annual housing design contest which would identify recent changes in housing technology and energy efficiency, plus more reliance on local resources.

There is a need to appropriate \$1,500 to fund the Maine Competition. The State Planning Office would be responsible for sponsoring this contest in cooperation with public and private agencies.