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1 2	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
3	ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 1864
7	H. P. 1870 House of Representatives, January 21, 1982 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Speaker laid before the House and referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
8	printed. EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Stover of West Bath. Cosponsors: Representative Berube of Lewiston, Senator Wood of York and Senator Gill of Cumberland.
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12 13 14	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
15 16 17	AN ACT to Clarify the Right of Local Housing Authorities to Issue Mortgage Revenue Bonds.
18	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
19 2 0	Sec. 1. 30 MRSA §4751, first ¶, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1969, c. 564, §6, is further amended to read:
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	An authority may issue such types of bonds as it may determine, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, bonds on which the principal and interest are payable; exclusively from the income and revenues of the project financed with the proceeds of such bonds; exclusively from the income and revenue of certain designated projects whether or not they are financed in whole or in part with the proceeds of such bonds; or from its revenues generally or in the case of the state authority exclusively from the proceeds of mortgages, bonds, or notes or other

securities held by the state authority or from moneys appropriated by the State or otherwise authorized herein to be applied for payment of principal, redemption price and interest on the bonds.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §4756, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 712, §8, is further amended to read:

The state An authority shall have the power to purchase or to make commitments to purchase from banks, life insurance companies, savings and loan associations, the Federal Government and other financial institutions lawfully doing business in the State, the interest bearing obligations secured by mortgages and notes which are first lien on land and improvements in Maine constituting residential housing or a housing project. The state authority may also sell any of the above named mortgages or notes to any of the above named parties or to the Federal Government.

17 Sec. 3. 30 MRSA §4756, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1969, 18 c. 564, §8, is further amended to read:

The state An authority shall have the power to exercise all the rights and powers of a first mortgagee, including the power to acquire, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property acquired or owned by it. The state housing authority shall have the power to sell mortgages or notes to banks, life insurance companies, savings and loan associations, other financial institutions lawfully doing business in the State of Maine, and the United States and its agencies or instrumentalities or any fiduciaries or retirement funds.

29 Sec. 4. 30 MRSA §4757, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, 30 c. 470, §18, is amended to read:

No obligation shall be eligible for purchase or commitment to purchase by the state an authority hereunder unless at or before the time of transfer thereof to the authority, the originating bank, life insurance company, savings and loan association, other financial institution or the United States and its agencies or instrumentalities certifies:

37 Sec. 5. 30 MRSA §4758, as last amended by PL 1979, c. 38 712, §10, is further amended to read:

The state An authority shall not purchase from a seller who has previously sold to the state authority loans or obligations secured by land and improvements constituting

one-family to 4-family housing units any new loan or 2 gation secured by land and improvements constituting a onefamily to 4-family housing unit until such seller has completed the reinvestment in residential mortgages or notes or 4 5 the purchase of such residential mortgages or notes contem-6 plated in section 4757 and so informed the state 7 writing, provided, however, that if any seller had 8 entered into a contract with the state authority which 9 tract provided for reinvestment of the proceeds of the sale 10 of mortgages or obligations with certain restrictions within 11 a certain time period, compliance with the terms shall constitute compliance with this section, 12 13 any seller who is performing within the terms of shall be deemed to have completed said reinvestment 14 15 requirements within the meaning of this section with respect 16 to mortgages or obligations subject to such contract. The 17 state authority shall have the right at all times to decline to purchase or to decline to make commitments to purchase 18 19 any loan or obligation offered or submitted to it.

Sec. 6. 30 MRSA §4759, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 470, §18, is amended to read:

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The state An authority shall pay for each loan or obligation purchased an amount not in excess of the outstanding principal balance: Discount from the principal balance may be employed to effect a fair rate of return, as determined by the rate of return on comparable investment under market conditions existing at the time of purchase. In addition to the aforesaid payment of outstanding principal balance, the state authority shall pay the accrued interest due thereon, on the date the loan or obligation is delivered to the state authority against payment therefor.

Sec. 7. 30 MRSA §4760, first ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 564, §118-C, is further amended to read:

The- state An authority may authorize the issuance of revenue bonds of the authority in the manner and as provided in section 4751 for any of its authorized purposes including the purchase of first mortgage loans or evidences for residential housing or a housing project in the State of Maine from the financial institutions and other specified in section 4756. Such loans may include, shall not be limited to, loans which are insured, guaranteed by the United States assisted or an instrumentality thereof or for which there is a commitment by the United or an instrumentality thereof to insure, guaranty or assist such loan and shall be for persons and families

deemed by the state authority to require such assistance as is made available by this subchapter on account of low personal or family income, taking into consideration:

- Sec. 8. 30 MRSA §4760, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 564, §9, is amended to read:
- 4. Ability to compete in normal housing market. The ability of such persons and families to compete successfully in the normal housing market and to pay the amounts at which private enterprise is providing decent, safe and sanitary housing, and deemed by the state authority therefore to be eligible to occupy residential housing constructed and financed, wholly or in part, with insured construction loans or insured mortgages, or with other public or private assistance.
- 15 Sec. 9. 30 MRSA §4760, last ¶, as repealed and 16 replaced by P.L. 1973, c. 517, §4, is amended to read:

The state \underline{An} authority may not purchase such first mortgage loan or evidence of such loan unless at least a reasonable number of the families or individuals who occupy or will occupy the mortgaged premises are persons of low income as defined in this subchapter. The state authority shall insure that the mortgaged premises is continued in use for the originally planned purpose so long as said use is economically and socially reasonable.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

 Under current law, there is an ambiguity as to whether or not local housing authorities have the right to issue mortgage revenue bonds. This bill makes it clear that local housing authorities have that right.

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