

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

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7 S.P. 91

In Senate, January 18, 1983

8 Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 18, 1983. Referred to  
9 the Committee on Local and County Government, and ordered printed  
pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Twitchell of Oxford.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT Requiring Municipalities to Make  
18 Reasonable Provision for all Public and  
19 Private Housing Alternatives.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 30 MRSA §4553, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

24 6. Suitable land areas. Notwithstanding any other  
25 provision of law, municipalities, in order to allevi-  
26 ate to the fullest extent possible the presently  
27 existing housing shortage in the State, shall take  
28 whatever steps necessary and within their power to  
29 insure that any and all forms and types of housing,  
30 whether public or private, conventionally built or  
31 manufactured as to site, have access in a variety of  
32 locations to suitable land areas within their respec-  
33 tive jurisdictions. Nothing in this subsection may  
34 be construed as precluding the simultaneous adoption

1 of necessary and reasonable land use controls  
2 designed to insure that this housing will be built  
3 and located in a manner that protects the public's  
4 health, safety and general welfare.

5 STATEMENT OF FACT

6 This bill provides that all Maine communities  
7 shall make provisions within their borders for all  
8 public and private housing alternatives in recogni-  
9 tion of the significant housing shortage in the  
10 State. The bill does not deprive Maine communities  
11 of the right to set reasonable restrictions, thus  
12 preserving the concept of local control and the abil-  
13 ity to respond to local needs and conditions.

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