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S.P. 928 Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 2 3	AN ACT to Create Minimum Standards for Licensing Shelters for Homeless People.
4 5	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
6 7	<pre>Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3472, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:</pre>
8	9-A. Homeless person. "Homeless person" means an
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1 2 3	undomiciled person who is unable to secure permanent and stable housing without special assistance, as determined by the Department of Human Services.
4 5	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA c. 958-A, sub-c. IV is enacted to read:
6	SUBCHAPTER IV
7	HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS
8	§3495. Programs for the homeless
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	1. Programs required. The department shall establish and administer, pursuant to this subchapter, programs and projects for homeless persons in need of stable housing. Any homeless person shall be entitled to receive the services, provided that the department has determined that the person is eligible and that sufficient funds are available pursuant to this subchapter to pay for the services.
17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	2. Rules. The Bureau of Health, in consultation with other appropriate agencies, shall promulgate in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, such rules, including minimum standards and criteria for the licensing of housing for the homeless, as are needed for the effective administration of any programs and projects pursuant to this subchapter.
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3. Home improvements. When requested by the department, the Maine State Housing Authority shall develop and administer a low-interest loan program to provide funds for the purpose of upgrading and renovating housing to meet licensing standards as established in subsection 2. Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are
32	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the

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33 purposes of this Act.

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2 HUMAN SERVICES, 3 DEPARTMENT OF

Housing for the Homeless

All Other

STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The Legislature finds that large numbers of people 8 in communities across our State are living in the streets or in substandard emergency shelters, despite 9 10 current efforts by public and private agencies to 11 provide adequate housing for those in need. The present condition is contrary to the public interest and threatens the health, safety, welfare, comfort and 12 13 14 security of the people of our State. This bill offers 15 comprehensive outline that brings together а а 16 continuity of services and funds to effectively 17 improve housing for the homeless.

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