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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 370,
L.D. 524, Bill, "An Act to Prohibit the Charging of Rent in
Advance by Landlords"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the
title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place
the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in
its place the following:

'14 MRSA §6032, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 359, is amended
to read:

§6032. Maximum security deposit

Ne A lessor of a dwelling intended for human habitation
shall may not require a security deposit equivalent to more than
the rent for 2 months. The combination of security deposit and
advance rent may not exceed the equivalent of the rent for 3
months. For the purposes of this section, "advance rent" means
rent collected for a rental period, which may not exceed one
month, other than the rental period beginning immediately after
the collection of the rent. Lessors of dwellings rented to
individuals who are registered to attend any postsecondary
educational institution or who intend to register to attend any
postsecondary educational institution during the lease term are
not subject to this section.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment limits the amount a landlord may collect as advance rent and a security deposit, which may not include more than 2 months' rent, to the equivalent of 3 months' rent. The amendment also exempts a landlord from this limitation if the lessee attends or intends to attend a postsecondary educational institution.

Filed by Rep. DiPietro of South Portland
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