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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1540, L.D. 2173, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Providing Accessible Housing"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §373, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 817, §2, is amended to read:

2. Terms. The members appointed by the Governor shall ~~be~~ appointed serve for terms of 4 years. All other members shall serve during their tenure in the position which ~~that~~ they represent on the board. Any vacancy ~~shall-be~~ is filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the unexpired term of that position. Members appointed by the Governor upon completion of the terms of the initial members are appointed as follows:

- A. One member for one year;
- B. Two members for 2 years;
- C. Two members for 3 years; and
- D. Two members for 4 years.

Thereafter, the terms of office of members appointed by the Governor are for 4 years.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§15, as amended by PL 1991, c. 629, §2, is further amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **15. State weatherization, conservation and fuel assistance**
3 **agency.** The Maine State Housing Authority is designated the
4 weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance agency
5 for the State and may apply for, receive, distribute and
6 administer federal funds on behalf of the State for
7 weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance pursuant
8 to the Weatherization Assistance for Low-income Persons Program
9 administered through the United States Department of Energy and
10 the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program administered
11 through the United States Department of Health and Human Services
12 in accordance with rules adopted under the Maine Administrative
13 Procedure Act; and

14 **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§16,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.
15 629, §3, is amended to read:

16 **16. Certification of bonds.** The director of the Maine
17 State Housing Authority is the State's designee to certify to the
18 United States Secretary of the Treasury that housing-related
19 bonds issued in the State satisfy the applicable ceiling
20 requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code; and

21 **Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§17** is enacted to read:

22 **17. Comprehensive housing affordability strategy**
23 **coordinator.** The Maine State Housing Authority is designated the
24 comprehensive housing affordability strategy coordinator for the
25 State and has the power to prepare and submit on behalf of the
26 State the annual comprehensive housing affordability strategy
27 called for in the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing
28 Act, Public Law 101-625 (1990) and to undertake all monitoring
29 and certification procedures required under that law. The Maine
30 State Housing Authority shall represent the State in carrying out
31 the HOME Investment Partnerships Program created by the
32 Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act.

33 **Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4907, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1991, c.
34 574, §3, is further amended to read:

35 **1. Limitations on amount of outstanding principal.** The
36 Maine State Housing Authority may not at any time have an
37 aggregate principal amount outstanding, in excess of
38 \$1,050,000,000 \$1,150,000,000 of mortgage purchase bonds secured
39 by the Housing Reserve Fund or a Capital Reserve Fund to which
40 section 4906, subsection 3, paragraph A applies. Mortgage
41 purchase bonds of the Maine State Housing Authority secured by
42 capital reserve funds to which section 4906, subsection 3,
43 paragraph A does not apply, bond or mortgage insurance, direct or
44 indirect contract with the United States, purchase or repurchase

2 agreement of guaranty with a banking or other financial
organization or other credit arrangements securing the bonds may
4 be issued up to \$100,000,000 per calendar year in an aggregate
principal amount outstanding at any time not to exceed
6 \$300,000,000.

8 **Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §5055**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 610, §24,
is further amended to read:

10 **§5055. Models for urban housing revitalization; evaluation**

12 The state authority and the interagency task force shall
develop models for the revitalization of deteriorating
14 residential areas in urban areas based on the results of the
study and monitoring of the demonstration zones as provided in
16 section 5052. The state authority and the interagency task force
shall review and evaluate the plans and programs applied to the
18 demonstration zones and report their preliminary findings and
recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee
20 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters by
December 30, 1992 and December 30, 1993, with a final report to
22 be submitted by December 30, 1994. This final report must
include:

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26 **1. Strategy.** The strategy applied in each zone to
revitalize housing and neighborhoods;

28 **2. Number of buildings and units.** The number of buildings
and units of affordable housing developed, or rehabilitated in
30 each zone;

32 **3. Causes of blight and deterioration.** The major causes of
urban blight and deterioration in each zone and the programs
34 applied to these causes; and

36 **4. Effectiveness of assistance and programs.** The
effectiveness of the assistance and programs provided in each
38 zone, including, but not limited to, job training and educational
programs, and law enforcement and crime prevention programs.

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42 **FISCAL NOTE**

44 The bill increases the bonding authority of the Maine State
Housing Authority by \$100,000,000. While these bonds do not
46 constitute a debt or liability to the State, they are backed by
the nonbinding moral obligation of the State.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill.

The amendment provides for staggering the terms of the members of the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board.

The amendment also designates the Maine State Housing Authority as the comprehensive housing affordability strategy coordinator for Maine. It permits the authority to undertake all monitoring and certification requirements called for in the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act.

The amendment also expands the reporting requirements for the 4 demonstration urban housing zones under the housing opportunity zones program by establishing 2 interim reporting deadlines in addition to a final report requirement. The municipalities receiving assistance under the program anticipate taking over 2 years to implement fully the program and the final report can not be done until they have completed their loan programs.

The amendment also increases the bonding authority of the Maine State Housing Authority that is backed by the moral obligation of the State. It also clarifies that bonds not backed by the State may be issued in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time of up to \$300,000,000.

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