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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Correct an Omission from the Recodification of Title 30.

(AFTER DEADLINE) (EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 was recodified as Title 30-A in 1989; and

8 10 Whereas, language in Title 30 designating the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority as the official responsible for certifying that housing-related bonds meet the bond volume requirements of the Internal Revenue Code was unintentionally omitted from the recodification of the Act; and

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Whereas, the unintended repeal of this designation has created uncertainty concerning the issuance of the Maine State Housing Authority's bonds, the proceeds of which are used to finance housing for low-income people in the State; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§14, as amended by PL 1991, c. 622, Pt. J, §21 and affected by §25, is further amended to read:

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14. State housing credit agency. The Maine State Housing Authority is designated the housing credit agency for the State and may receive and allocate, according to a process established by rulemaking pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II, the annual state housing credit ceiling for the low-income housing credit established by the United States Code, Title 26; and

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Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
622, Pt. J, §22 and affected by §25, is amended to read:

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State weatherization, conservation and fuel assistance The Maine State Housing Authority is designated the weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance agency the State and may apply for, receive, distribute administer federal funds on behalf of the State weatherization, energy conservation and fuel assistance pursuant to the Weatherization Assistance for Low-income Persons Program administered through the United States Department of Energy and the Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program administered through the United States Department of Health and Human Services

in	accordance	with	rules	adopted	under	the	Maine	Administrative
Pro	cedure Act.	and:						·

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§16 is enacted to read:

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- 16. Certification of bonds. The director of the Maine State Housing Authority is the State's designee to certify to the United States Secretary of the Treasury that housing-related bonds issued in the State satisfy the applicable ceiling requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code.
- Sec. 4. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that this Act be construed as correcting an error resulting from the recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 by enacting in Title 30-A language that was intended to be carried over from Title 30 as part of the recodification.
 - Sec. 5. Ratification. All certifications that housing-related bonds issued in the State satisfy the applicable ceiling requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code made by the director of the Maine State Housing Authority between February 28, 1989 and the effective date of this Act are ratified and validated.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill corrects an error resulting from the recodification of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30 as Title 30-A. Language designating the director of the Maine State Housing Authority as the official responsible for certifying that housing-related bonds meet the bond volume requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code was unintentionally dropped when Title 30-A was enacted. This bill puts the old language back in the laws.