

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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Legislative Document

No. 416

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H.P. 312

House of Representatives, February 6, 1995

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**An Act to Expand the Shelter Operating Subsidy Program and the  
Temporary Housing Assistance Program.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DONNELLY of Presque Isle, FITZPATRICK of Durham,  
JOHNSON of South Portland, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Portland, MORRISON  
of Bangor, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Bangor, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator:  
RAND of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
4 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

6 **1995-96** **1996-97**

8 **MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

10 **Housing Opportunities for  
10 Maine Fund**

12 All Other **\$750,000** **\$750,000**

14 Provides funds to expand the  
16 shelter operating subsidy  
16 program by \$500,000 per year  
18 and the temporary housing  
18 assistance program by  
20 \$250,000 per year.

22 The shelter operating subsidy  
22 program reimburses private,  
24 nonprofit corporate sponsors  
24 of facilities that provide  
26 emergency housing for the  
26 homeless. The funds must be  
28 used to finance the operating  
28 budgets of those facilities  
30 and to allow the sponsors to  
30 add necessary services.

32 The temporary housing  
34 assistance program provides  
34 funds to the State's  
36 community action programs to  
36 assist families that are  
38 threatened with  
38 homelessness. The funds must  
40 be used to prevent eviction,  
40 provide security deposits or  
42 prevent mortgage foreclosure.

44 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

46 This bill expands the shelter operating subsidy program and  
48 the temporary housing assistance program, which were created by  
48 the 114th Legislature to provide support to the State's homeless

2 shelter network and to prevent homelessness. The programs are administered by the Maine State Housing Authority through the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund.