

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 721

S.P. 270

In Senate, March 2, 1995

An Act to Coordinate Low-income Energy Assistance Programs.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative: ROBICHAUD of Caribou.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4741, sub-§15,** as amended by PL 1991, c.
871, §2, is further amended to read:

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

18 A. Local agencies designated by the Maine State Housing
19 Authority as subgrantees for the purposes of administering
20 the federal Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program must
21 meet the following program and fiscal requirements.

22 (1) Local agencies must be able to administer the
23 program at the lowest cost per applicant in the area
24 that the local agency serves. The authority shall
25 determine whether this requirement is met based on a
26 competitive bidding procedure. The authority may
27 designate as subgrantees local agencies that serve
28 overlapping areas, provided each subgrantee is the
29 lowest bidder for at least some portion of the area it
30 serves;

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35 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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37 This bill requires the Maine State Housing Authority to
38 designate local agencies as subgrantees under the federal
39 Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program based on a competitive
40 bidding process.