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S.P. 86

In Senate, January 21, 1997

An Act to Conform State Laws Regarding Fair Housing for Older Persons with Federal Laws.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach and
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford, Representatives: BOUFFARD of
Lewiston, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, GAGNON of Waterville, MADORE of Augusta.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4581, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1989, c.
4	245, §3, is amended to read:
6	C. Intended and operated for occupancy by at least one person 55 years of age or older per unit. In determining
8	whether housing qualifies as housing for older persons under this paragraph, regulations adopted by the United States
10	Department of Housing and Urban Development shall <u>must</u> be used which require at least the following factors:
12	(1)Theexistenceefsignificantfacilitiesand
14	services - specifically-designed -to-meet-the-physical-or secial-needs-of-elder-persons,-or-if-the-provision-ef
16	the-facilities-and-services-is-not-practicable,-that the-housing-is-necessary-to-provide-important-housing
18	opportunities-for-older-persons;
20	(2) That at least 80% of the dwellings are occupied by at least one person 55 years of age or older per unit;
22	and
24	(3) The publication of, and adherence to, policies and procedures which that demonstrate an intent by the
26	owner or manager to provide housing for persons 55 years of age or older.
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30	SUMMARY

This bill amends Maine law to make it consistent with federal law governing fair housing for older persons.