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H.P. 132

House of Representatives, January 16, 2001

An Act to Allow Landlords to Participate in the Fuel Assistance Program.

(EMERGENCY)

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, BOWLES of Sanford,
DAVIS of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MICHAEL of
Auburn.

2 **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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6 **Whereas,** this legislation needs to take effect before the
expiration of the 90-day period in order to apply to the current
heating season; and

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10 **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
12 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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18 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4991, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1991, c.
622, Pt. J, §23 and affected by §25, is amended to read:

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22 **2. Fuel assistance.** "Fuel assistance" means assistance
paid to eligible households ~~or~~ to fuel vendors on behalf of an
eligible household or directly to landlords who provide oil heat
to eligible tenants ~~who pay heating costs as an undesignated~~
24 ~~portion of rent.~~

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

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides that assistance provided under the
Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program for a tenant whose
landlord provides oil heat be paid to the landlord.

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