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An Act To Require the Maine State Housing Authority To Guarantee Security Deposits for Low-income Renters

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LAVERRIERE-BOUCHER of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Representative: CANAVAN of Waterville.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 201, sub-c. 14** is enacted to read:

6 **SUBCHAPTER 14**

8 **RENT ASSISTANCE**

10 **§4994-A. Security deposit assistance**

12 The Maine State Housing Authority shall guarantee payment of
14 the security deposit for a person who qualifies and receives rent
16 assistance from the Federal Government if the person is capable
18 of paying the security deposit to the landlord in monthly
20 installments over a period of one year. The authority shall
22 adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. Rules
adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill authorizes the Maine State Housing Authority to guarantee the security deposit of a person who qualifies and receives rent assistance from the Federal Government as long as that person is capable of paying the security deposit to the landlord in monthly installments over a one-year period.