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An Act To Protect the Integrity of Maine State Housing Authority Funds

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative ADAMS of Portland.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4722, sub-§1, ¶X**, as amended by PL 2003, c.
4 704, §5, is further amended to read:

6 X. Advise the Governor and other officials of State
7 Government on matters relating to energy conservation; and

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9 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4722, sub-§1, ¶Y**, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
10 704, §6, is amended to read:

12 Y. Expand access to housing for young professionals and
13 young families. The Maine State Housing Authority shall
14 develop recommendations to create or modify programs with
15 the goal of expanding access to housing for young
16 professionals and young families. The Maine State Housing
17 Authority shall specifically consider strategies to assist
18 renters and first-time home buyers who are under 35 years of
19 age and explore options for linking assistance levels to
20 student loan obligations. The Maine State Housing Authority
21 shall collaborate with the Maine Community College System,
22 vocational high schools and community action programs to
23 encourage the development of affordable housing in high-cost
24 housing areas of the State.

26 (1) The Maine State Housing Authority shall report its
27 findings and recommendations regarding expanded access
28 to housing for young professionals and young families
29 to the Future for Youth in Maine State Work Action
30 Tactics Team established in Title 5, section 13161 and
31 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
32 having jurisdiction over housing matters no later than
33 January 15, 2005 and annually thereafter; and

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35 **Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4722, sub-§1, ¶Z** is enacted to read:

36 Z. Withhold the funds of or suspend or revoke the funds
37 already granted to any person or organization who violates
38 any health, safety or sanitation standard of the Maine State
39 Housing Authority or municipality in which the subject
40 housing is located. The Maine State Housing Authority may
41 withhold the funds of or suspend or revoke the funds already
42 granted to a person or organization under this paragraph
43 after providing notice and hearing pursuant to Title 5,
44 chapter 375, subchapter 4.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill allows the Maine State Housing Authority after
6 notice and hearing to withhold the funds of or suspend or revoke
8 the funds already granted to any person or organization who
 violates any health, safety or sanitation standard of the Maine
 State Housing Authority or the municipality in which the subject
 housing is located.