

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Require the Maine State Housing Authority To Perform  
a Comprehensive Resource and Needs Assessment for Housing for  
Special Needs Populations That Are Not Homeless**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative SMITH of Monmouth and  
Senators: COURTNEY of York, DOW of Lincoln, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, RAYE of  
Washington, Representatives: BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, RECTOR of Thomaston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4753-A** is enacted to read:

3 **§4753-A. Special needs populations; needs assessment**

4 The Maine State Housing Authority, in conjunction with the Department of Health  
5 and Human Services and the Department of Economic and Community Development,  
6 shall conduct a comprehensive resource and needs assessment by region for housing for  
7 special needs populations that are not homeless. In order to evaluate the needs of  
8 different populations and the best policies to address those needs, the Maine State  
9 Housing Authority shall convene regional advisory groups and seek input from local  
10 stakeholders and advocates and develop local information gathering processes that are  
11 coordinated with local homelessness evaluations.

12 The Maine State Housing Authority shall report its findings to the Governor and  
13 Legislature biennially and shall make the report available to the public.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Maine State Housing Authority to periodically perform a  
16 comprehensive resource and needs assessment for housing for special needs populations  
17 that are not homeless.