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An Act To End Homelessness for Veterans in Maine

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CEBRA of Naples and
Senators: COLLINS of York, McCORMICK of Kennebec, Representatives: BRIGGS of
Mexico, BRYANT of Windham, CAREY of Lewiston, GILBERT of Jay, PLUMMER of
Windham, RUSSELL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §513** is enacted to read:

3 **§513. Homelessness prevention coordination**

4 The director shall establish a partnership with a national, human services-based
5 volunteer organization to coordinate efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness among
6 veterans in this State. The volunteer organization must have as its core programs
7 addressing homelessness and veterans' services and have been active as a human services-
8 based volunteer organization for a minimum of 30 years. The responsibilities of this
9 partnership include, but are not limited to:

10 **1. Identification.** Identifying homeless veterans in the State;

11 **2. Outreach events.** Conducting a minimum of 10 annual outreach events, targeted
12 to reach the maximum number of veterans in need, to disseminate information on
13 resources and services available to assist homeless veterans; and

14 **3. Funding homes.** Identifying and securing temporary or permanent living space
15 for veterans within the veterans' communities.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the
18 Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a partnership
19 with a national, human services-based volunteer organization, such as the Volunteers of
20 America, to help remedy and prevent the problem of homelessness among veterans.