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L.D. 1607

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “**A**” to H.P. 1095, L.D. 1607, Bill, “An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Affordable Housing Working Group”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the blocked paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: “application” the following: ‘or an addendum to an application’

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 3 in the blocked paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: “families” the following: ‘who choose’

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of the last 4 lines (page 1, lines 25 to 28 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘The Maine State Housing Authority shall provide a preliminary report by February 1, 2017 and a final report by January 15, 2019 on its progress in increasing access to affordable housing pursuant to this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters.’

Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of the last 4 lines (page 1, lines 37 to 40 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘The Maine State Housing Authority shall collect and maintain data sufficient to evaluate the extent to which the pilot program achieves success in meeting its goals and provide a preliminary report by February 1, 2017 and a final report by January 15, 2019 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters.’

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies that individuals or families applying for so-called Section 8 rental assistance may use that rental assistance application or an addendum to that application if they choose to also apply for rental assistance from the Bridging Rental Assistance Program and the federal Shelter Plus Care program.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1095, L.D. 1607

1 The amendment adds the requirement that the Maine State Housing Authority submit
2 preliminary reports by February 1, 2017 on the authority's progress in increasing access to
3 affordable housing pursuant to section 2 of the bill and on the extent to which the rental
4 assistance pilot program created in section 3 of the bill achieves success in meeting its
5 goals.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Affordable Housing Working Group

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-557)
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase – General Fund

Minor cost increase - Other Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that the new statewide application created by this bill can be used by individuals and families to apply for the state Bridging Rental Assistance Program are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.