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House of Representatives, December 22, 2017

An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, PERRY of Calais, VACHON of Scarborough,
Senator: BREEN of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3011, first ¶**, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §31, is
3 amended to read:

4 The Bridging Rental Assistance Program is established within the department as a
5 transitional housing voucher program. The purpose of the program is to assist persons
6 with mental illness with housing assistance for up to 24 months or until they receive
7 assistance from a housing voucher program administered by the United States
8 Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of
9 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8 or receive an alternative housing
10 placement. The department shall require a program participant to contribute the same
11 amount toward rent that is required of a participant in the housing voucher program
12 administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under
13 the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8 and
14 its implementing regulations. The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purpose
15 of the program. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as
16 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires a participant in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to
19 contribute the same amount toward rent that is required of a participant in the housing
20 voucher program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban
21 Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat.
22 888, Section 8.