

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 30, 2021

An Act To Support Transitional Housing for Persons Experiencing Abuse, Dangerous Living Conditions, Economic Insecurity Due to Divorce or Separation, Chronic Homelessness, Substance Use Disorder or Mental Disorders

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representatives: MADIGAN of Waterville, PERRY of Calais, STOVER of Boothbay,
SYLVESTER of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7864** is enacted to read:

3 **§7864. Transitional housing for persons experiencing abuse, dangerous living**
4 **conditions, economic insecurity due to divorce or separation, chronic**
5 **homelessness, substance use disorder or mental disorders**

6 The department shall, in every county of the State or by region, if all counties are
7 provided for, coordinate and arrange for transitional housing and services including job
8 training and health care services for persons in need of transitional housing, including those
9 experiencing abuse, dangerous living conditions, economic insecurity due to divorce or
10 separation, chronic homelessness, substance use disorder or mental disorders, including
11 post-traumatic stress disorder.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
13 allocations are made.

14 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

15 **Transitional housing for persons experiencing abuse, dangerous living conditions,**
16 **economic insecurity due to divorce or separation, chronic homelessness, substance**
17 **use disorder or mental disorders**

18 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to support transitional housing under the Maine
19 Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7864.

20 GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
21 All Other	\$0	\$8,000,000
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23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,000,000

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate and
26 arrange for transitional housing and services including job training and health care services
27 for persons in need of transitional housing, including those experiencing abuse, dangerous
28 living conditions, economic insecurity due to divorce or separation, chronic homelessness,
29 substance use disorder or mental disorders, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in
30 every county of the State or by region if all counties are provided for. It also provides an
31 ongoing appropriation of \$8,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.