

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, April 22, 2021

**An Act To Ensure the Provision of Housing Coordinator Services to  
Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on April 20, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CURRY of Waldo.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5106, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. BB, §9, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **13. Coordinate activities.** Coordinate activities and cooperate with programs in this  
5 and other states for the common advancement of programs for Maine's aging population  
6 and incapacitated and dependent adults; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5106, sub-§14-A** is enacted to read:

8 **14-A. Housing coordinator.** Support and maintain a housing coordinator under  
9 section 5107-K; and

10 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §5107-K** is enacted to read:

11 **§5107-K. Housing coordinator**

12 **1. Housing coordinator.** There is established within the department the position of  
13 housing coordinator.

14 **2. Duties.** The housing coordinator shall:

15 A. Collaborate with other state agencies, aging and disability service providers and  
16 organizations and others to develop, maintain, update and make publicly available  
17 information and resources regarding housing assistance;

18 B. Identify gaps in housing assistance needs of persons with a disability or 60 years of  
19 age or older and periodically submit a report on any gaps to the director of the  
20 department's office of aging and disability services for inclusion in the state plan on  
21 aging under section 5106, subsection 4; and

22 C. Establish partnerships with other public and private health agencies and  
23 organizations.

## 24 SUMMARY

25 This bill creates within the Department of Health and Human Services a housing  
26 coordinator who:

27 1. Collaborates with other state agencies, aging and disability service providers and  
28 organizations to maintain and make publicly available housing assistance information and  
29 resources;

30 2. Identifies gaps in housing assistance needs of older adults and persons with  
31 disabilities and periodically submits a report on the gaps to the director of the Department  
32 of Health and Human Services' office of aging and disability services for inclusion in the  
33 comprehensive state plan on aging; and

34 3. Establishes partnerships with other public and private health agencies and  
35 organizations.