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**An Act To Protect the Health, Safety and Comfort of Elderly
Residents and Residents with Disabilities by Ensuring Backup
Access to Electrical Power in Certain Facilities during Power
Outages**

Received by the Clerk of the House on May 3, 2021. 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 "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6030-H** is enacted to read:

3 **§6030-H. Emergency plan in case of loss of electric power**

4 The property management company or owner of a senior housing facility of more than
5 4 units that is subsidized by state or federal funds that does not have emergency backup
6 electrical generation shall have an emergency plan in place with a minimum standard that
7 an in-person well-being check be conducted for the occupant of each unit within 6 hours
8 of an unplanned, continued loss of electric power.

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

10 **§7864. Requirements for facilities that host assisted housing programs**

11 A facility that hosts an assisted housing program and is built after October 1, 2021 must
12 have a source of continuous emergency electric power, such as an emergency generator.

13 The property management company or owner of a facility that hosts an assisted housing
14 program shall implement an emergency management plan that, in addition to all other
15 requirements for that assisted housing program, requires a minimum standard that an in-
16 person well-being check be conducted for each resident within 2 hours of an unplanned,
17 continued loss of electric power.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill requires that a facility that hosts an assisted housing program and is built after
20 October 1, 2021 have a source of continuous emergency electric power, such as an
21 emergency generator. It requires the property management company or owner of a facility
22 that hosts an assisted housing program to implement an emergency management plan that
23 requires that an in-person well-being check be conducted for each resident within 2 hours
24 of an unplanned, continued loss of electric power. It requires the property management
25 company or owner of a senior housing facility of more than 4 units that is subsidized by
26 state or federal funds that does not have emergency backup electrical generation to have an
27 emergency plan in place for an in-person well-being check for the occupant of each unit
28 within 6 hours of an unplanned, continued loss of electric power.