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Date: 3/29/22

(Filing No. S-475)

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 702, L.D. 1966, "An Act To Facilitate
10 Access to Heating Assistance"

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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
13 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, COVID-19 has decreased in-person access to community action agencies
15 that administer fuel assistance; and

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Whereas, individuals must apply annually for fuel assistance; and

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Whereas, there is currently no online application for fuel assistance; and

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Whereas, this legislation requires the Maine State Housing Authority to adopt rules
19 requiring that online applications for fuel assistance be accepted beginning no later than
20 the next winter season; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
22 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
23 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
24 therefore,'

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Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
27 takes effect when approved.'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
29 number to read consecutively.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1966

LR 2596(01)

An Act To Facilitate Access to Heating Assistance

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Curry of Waldo

Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: No *A(5-475)*

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Minor cost increase - Maine State Housing Authority

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.