

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

### **An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Prohibiting Tenant Application Fees**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, GERE of Kennebunkport, HASENFUS of Readfield, MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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. Application fees; prohibited**

4 A landlord may not require a person to pay a fee to submit an application to enter into  
5 an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit or require a person to pay a fee for the landlord  
6 to review or approve an application to enter into an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit.  
7 As used in this section, "dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in section 6021, subsection  
8 1.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits a landlord from requiring a person to pay a fee in order to submit an  
11 application to enter into an agreement to rent a residential dwelling unit.