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Date 6/6/23 Majority

LD 1116
(Filing No H-374)

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 712, LD 1116, "An Act to Provide Rural Sober Living Housing for Mothers"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following
'An Act to Provide Rural Recovery Residences for Families'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20058 is enacted to read
§20058. Rural recovery residences for families

1. Recovery residences for families. The Maine State Housing Authority shall make funds available for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of certified recovery residences under sections 20054 and 20057 that provide services to parents or guardians recovering from substance use disorder and their minor children

2. Location. The land or real property acquired under this section must be located in counties with a county seat of no more than 35,000 residents and must be in close proximity to public transportation or transportation must be provided to residents of the rural recovery residences

3. Services. A rural recovery residence under this section must provide the following

A Recovery support services based on the needs of each resident, and

B Support for reunification services with minor children based on the needs of each resident

4. Staffing. Staff employed by a rural recovery residence under this section must be paid at least livable wages, as defined in Title 26, section 1-A

5. Fund. The Rural Recovery Residence Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund to receive funds to support the land or real property acquisition, construction, renovation and activities described in this section. The Maine State Housing Authority shall distribute funds through a competitive bid process to grantees

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 6. Rules. The Maine State Housing Authority may adopt rules to implement this
2 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in
3 Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

4 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
5 allocations are made

6 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

7 **Rural Recovery Residence Fund N463**

8 Initiative Provides one-time funds for the acquisition of land or real property to support
9 the creation of certified recovery residences for families

10	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
11	All Other	\$1,500,000	\$0
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill and
19 changes the title. The amendment provides that rural recovery residences established in the
20 bill are for families, not only for mothers. It requires the Maine State Housing Authority to
21 make funds available for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of
22 rural recovery residences for families. It specifies that staff employed at the rural recovery
23 residence must be paid a livable wage. The amendment authorizes the Maine State Housing
24 Authority to adopt rules.

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
26 **(See attached)**



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1116

LR 1981(02)

An Act to Provide Rural Sober Living Housing for Mothers

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-374)
Committee: Labor and Housing

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 to a newly established Rural Recovery Residence Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of certified recovery residences for families

Additional costs to the Maine State Housing Authority associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources