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House of Representatives, March 23, 2023

An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative WARREN of Scarborough.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, COLLINGS of Portland,
CROCKETT of Portland, DHALAC of South Portland, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach,
KESSLER of South Portland, SHEEHAN of Biddeford, SUPICA of Bangor.

	gency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not fective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
is necessar	reas, federally funded emergency rental assistance programs are ending, and it ry to create and fund state programs to replace the federally funded programs as ssible; and
the meani	reas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within ng of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as ly necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
Be it enac	ted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1	. 30-A MRSA c. 201, sub-c. 3-D is enacted to read:
	SUBCHAPTER 3-D
	EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE
§4768. E1	nergency Rental Assistance Fund and Program
"the fund," money fro	eation. The Emergency Rental Assistance Fund, referred to in this section as 'is established within the Maine State Housing Authority. The fund may receive m any available state, federal or private source. The fund may not lapse, but must forward to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ogram. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program, referred to in this section ogram," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority.
rental assi rental assi Consolida	es of fund. The fund may be used for supplementing or creating emergency stance under the program similar to that under the federally funded emergency istance programs established by Section 501 of Division N of the federal ted Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260 and Section 3201(a) of the merican Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.
provide a	porting. Beginning February 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing Authority shall quarterly report of expenditures from the fund and the goals and achievements of m to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over atters.
	gency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation of when approved.
	SUMMARY
emergency rental assi Consolida	ill establishes the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to supplement or create rental assistance in order to mitigate the end of the federally funded emergency istance programs established by Section 501 of Division N of the federal ted Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260 and Section 3201(a) of the nerican Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.