

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 3, 2024

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**An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Adopting Moratoria  
on Emergency Shelters**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D** is enacted to read:

3 **§4364-D. Emergency shelter moratoria prohibited in municipalities with populations**  
4 **exceeding 30,000**

5 A municipality with a population exceeding 30,000 people may not adopt a moratorium  
6 on the establishment of an emergency shelter. For the purposes of this section, "emergency  
7 shelter" means a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for  
8 persons experiencing homelessness.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill prohibits municipalities with populations exceeding 30,000 people from  
11 adopting moratoria on the establishment of emergency shelters that provide temporary  
12 shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.