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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 315, L.D. 698, "An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine"

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

Sec. 1. Transfer of real estate transfer tax revenue. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraphs E-1 and E-3, for fiscal year 2025-26 only, prior to the transfer pursuant to Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-3, the State Controller shall first credit \$2,982,000 of the revenues available to the Maine State Housing Authority for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4853 and \$1,491,000 of the revenue available to the Department of Health and Human Services for the Housing First Fund established in Title 22, section 20-A, subsection 2 to the General Fund.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Housing First Program Z374

Initiative: Deallocates one-time funds for the Housing First Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 only.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$1,491,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$1,491,000)	\$0

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$1,491,000)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$1,491,000)	\$0

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**Housing Authority - State 0442**

Initiative; Deallocates one-time funds for the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 only.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	(\$2,982,000)	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,982,000)	\$0

Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative; Provides one-time funds to support the operation of emergency homeless shelters in the State to be allocated as part of the operations share of the shelter operating subsidy through the Maine State Housing Authority's emergency shelter and housing assistance program.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$4,473,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,473,000	\$0

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE
DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$4,473,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$2,982,000)	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,491,000	\$0

SECTION TOTALS

	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$4,473,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$4,473,000)	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the appropriation and changes it to one-time funding and provides funding by crediting from the revenue from the real estate transfer tax a portion

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1 of the funds scheduled to be deposited in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and
2 the Housing First Fund.

3 SPONSORED BY: Rotundo Dr

4 (Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

5 COUNTY: Androscoggin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 698****LR 205(05)****An Act to Sustain Emergency Homeless Shelters in Maine****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill***(S-460)***Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$527,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$4,473,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
General Fund	\$4,473,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$4,473,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the ongoing General Fund appropriations in the bill of \$5,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 and instead provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$4,473,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 only. It also requires the State Controller to deposit into the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund \$1,491,000 in revenue that would have been transferred into the Housing First Program within the Department of Health and Human Services and \$2,982,000 in revenue that would have been transferred into the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority in fiscal year 2025-26 as a result of the increase in the Real Estate Transfer Tax enacted in Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part V.