

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
95th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1228, L. D. 807, Bill "An Act to Create a Public Body in the City of Portland to be Known as the Slum Clearance and Re-development Authority."

Amend said bill by striking out in the fourteenth and fifteenth lines of Section 2 thereof, the following underlined words, 'and retard the provision of housing accomodations'.

Further amend said bill by striking out sub-section (g) of Section 3 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'(g) "Blighted area" shall mean:

1. An area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements which, by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, age, or obsolescence; or inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation, or open spaces; or high density of population and overcrowding; or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes; or any combination of such factors, is conducive to ill health, or transmission of disease, or infant mortality, or juvenile delinquency and crime, and is detrimental to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

2. An area which, by reason of the predominance of defective or inadequate street layout; or faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness; or insanitary or unsafe conditions; or deterioration of site or other improvements; or diversity of ownership, tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the fair value of the land; defective or unusual conditions of title; or improper subdivision or obsolete platting; or mixture of incompatible land uses; or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes; or any combination of such factors, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the municipality, or constitutes an economic or social liability and is a menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use.'

Further amend said bill by striking out sub-section (h) of Section 3 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'(h) "Slum area" shall mean a blighted area in an extreme state of deterioration and decay.'

Further amend said bill by striking out sub-section (i 3) of Section 3 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'(3) To sell, lease or otherwise make available land in such areas for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial or other use or for public use, except for public housing, or to retain such land for public use, except for public housing, in

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accordance with a redevelopment plan. Public housing shall mean housing erected by a local housing authority in accordance with Chapter 441 of the Public Laws of 1949.'

Further amend said bill by striking out in the seventh line of sub-section (d) of Section 5 thereof, the underlined words 'retain for its own use'.

Further amend said bill by striking out in the sixth line of sub-section (g) of Section 6 thereof, the underlined words, 'if there be no such newspaper'.

Further amend said bill by striking out sub-section (a4) of Section 11 thereof, and renumbering the remaining sub-sections 5,6,7,8,9, and ten to be sub-sections 4,5,6,7,8, and 9.

Further amend said bill by striking out Section 18 thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Section 18. The Authority shall present its annual operating budget to the City Council for approval, and shall at least once a year file with the City Council a report of its activities for the preceding year, and shall make any recommendations with reference to any additional legislation or other action that may be necessary in order to carry out the purposes of this law.'

Further amend said bill by striking out, beginning in the sixteenth line of the referendum clause at the end thereof, the following underlined words:

'provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or excels 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said city at the next preceding gubernatorial election.'

Reported by a Minority of the Committee on Judiciary.

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