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as required by section 336, subsections 1-A 1-B and 2-A.

6. Rules. Rules adopted pursuant to ~~subsections 3 and subsection~~ 4 are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective April 11, 2002.

CHAPTER 673

H.P. 1596 - L.D. 2099

An Act to Revise the Definition of Affordable Housing

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4301, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §83, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Affordable housing. "Affordable housing" means a decent, safe and sanitary dwelling, apartment or other living accommodation for a household whose income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 674

H.P. 1628 - L.D. 2128

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$28,500,000 to Capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund, to Provide Grants to Public Educational Institutions to Install Sprinkler Systems in Dormitories, to Renovate the Harlow Office Building and to Provide a Center for Homeless Teenagers

Preamble. Two thirds of both Houses of the Legislature deeming it necessary in accordance with the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14 to authorize the issuance of bonds on behalf of the State of Maine to provide funds to further capitalize the School Revolving Renovation Fund for repair and

improvements to school facilities to address serious health, safety and compliance deficiencies and to provide assistance for general renovations and learning space upgrades in Maine's public school facilities, to provide grants to public educational institutions to install sprinkler systems in dormitories, to renovate the Harlow Office Building and to provide a center for homeless teenagers.

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 25 MRSA §2463-A is enacted to read:

§2463-A. Installation of sprinkler systems in dormitories

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Automatic sprinkler system" means an automatic sprinkler system that at a minimum satisfies the requirements of Pamphlet 13 or 13R of the National Fire Protection Association or other requirements established by the State Fire Marshal.

B. "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

C. "Dormitory" means a building or space in a building owned by a public educational institution in which:

(1) At least 5 rooms are provided as sleeping accommodations for students of the public educational institution; or

(2) Sleeping accommodations are provided for 15 or more students of the public educational institution.

D. "Public educational institution" means the University of Maine System, the Maine Technical College System, the Maine Maritime Academy or the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

2. Approved automatic sprinkler system. A dormitory of a public educational institution must be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system in accordance with this subsection.

A. A dormitory constructed by a public educational institution or a building converted into a dormitory by a public educational institution after the effective date of this paragraph must be equipped with a complete automatic sprinkler