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House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Prohibiting Tenant Application Fees

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative KESSLER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston

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1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6030-H is enacted to read:
3	§6030-H. Application fees; prohibited
4	A landlord may not require a person to pay a fee to submit an application to enter into
5	an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit or require a person to pay a fee for the landlord
6	to review or approve an application to enter into an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit.
7	As used in this section, "dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in section 6021, subsection
8	<u>1.</u>
9	SUMMARY
10	This bill prohibits a landlord from requiring a person to pay a fee in order to submit an
11	application to enter into an agreement to rent a residential dwelling unit.