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An Act to Establish the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RENY of Lincoln.

2	Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9090-A is enacted to read:
3	§9090-A. Transfer assessment; exceptions
4 5 6 7 8	1. Payment required. Beginning January 1, 2026, the purchaser of a manufactured housing community shall pay to the Maine State Housing Authority an amount equal to \$50,000 for each manufactured housing community lot in the manufactured housing community. The money must be transmitted to the State Controller within 30 days of the purchase.
9 10	2. Exceptions. The following entities are not required to pay the fee under subsection 1:
11	A. The Maine State Housing Authority;
12 13	B. A municipal housing authority as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A;
14 15	C. A cooperative or other entity in which membership is limited to manufactured home owners; and
16	D. Entities that have a net worth of less than \$10,000,000.
17	Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§6 is enacted to read:
18 19 20 21 22	6. Transfer assessment; exceptions. Beginning January 1, 2026, the purchaser of a mobile home park shall pay to the Maine State Housing Authority an amount equal to \$50,000 for each mobile home park lot within the mobile home park. The money must be transmitted to the State Controller within 30 days of the purchase. The following entities are not required to pay the fee:
23	A. The Maine State Housing Authority;
24 25	B. A municipal housing authority as defined in Title 30-A, section 4702, subsection 10-A;
26 27	C. A cooperative or other entity in which membership is limited to mobile home owners; and
28	D. Entities that have a net worth of less than \$10,000,000.
29	Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4754-B is enacted to read:
30 31	§4754-B. Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund
32 33 34 35	The Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority as a nonlapsing, dedicated fund to be administered for the purposes described in subsection 1.
36 37 38 39 40	1. Purpose. The Maine State Housing Authority shall administer the fund to maintain housing affordability in manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks, regulated by Title 10, chapter 951, subchapter 6 and Title 10, chapter 953, respectively, to support ownership of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks by owners' associations, resident-owned housing cooperatives or other nonprofit entities

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

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representing the interests of homeowners in manufactured housing communities or mobile home parks.

2. Source of funds. The State Controller shall transfer into the fund the money collected under Title 10, section 9090-A and Title 10, section 9094-A, subsection 6. The fund may accept revenue from grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any source, public or private, including any sums that may be appropriated by the Legislature, transferred to the fund from time to time by the State Controller or dedicated to the fund pursuant to law.

9 SUMMARY

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This bill creates the Manufactured Housing Community and Mobile Home Park Preservation and Assistance Fund to be administered by the Maine State Housing Authority. The fund's purpose is to support ownership of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks by owners of manufactured homes and mobile homes. To support the fund, the bill creates a fee to be paid by certain buyers of manufactured housing communities and mobile home parks equal to \$50,000 for each manufactured housing community lot or mobile home park lot in the community or park.