

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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H.P. 138 - L.D. 215

An Act Regarding Large Recovery Residences

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4305, sub-§3-E is enacted to read:

3-E. Maximum levels of assistance for large recovery residences. Municipalities shall establish maximum levels of assistance for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a recovery residence, as described in section 4309, subsection 6, with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal to 70% of the maximum levels of assistance for recovery residences with occupancy of 25 or fewer beds.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4311, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Reimbursement for large recovery residences. The department shall reimburse each municipality for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a recovery residence, as described in section 4309, subsection 6, with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal to 100% of housing assistance granted to that individual.

Sec. 3. Department to convene stakeholder group; report. The Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group of interested parties, including, but not limited to, individuals in recovery, operators of recovery residences, municipal officials and individuals representing the entity responsible for the certification of recovery residences in the State to review options for managing the costs of general assistance provided for residents of recovery residences, including possible expansion or creation of state-funded subsidy programs. The department shall report its findings by February 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature or to any special session of the 132nd Legislature.