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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 289, L.D. 435, “An Act to Expand the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit”

Amend the bill in Part A in section 3 in paragraph B in the 4th line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2026" and inserting the following: '2027'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 7 in §5219-CCC in the first line (page 3, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2024" and inserting the following: '2025'

Amend the bill in Part A in section 7 in §5219-CCC in subsection 1 in paragraph E in the 2nd line (page 4, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2025" and inserting the following: '2026'

Amend the bill in Part B by striking out all of sections 2 and 3.

Amend the bill by inserting after Part B the following:

'PART C

Sec. C-1. 30-A MRSA §4722, sub-§1, ¶DD, as amended by PL 2021, c. 671, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1), division (b) to read:

(b) "Affordable housing project" means a multifamily rental housing project that contains at least 5 units of affordable housing and in which:

- (i) At least 50% of the aggregate square feet of the completed project is housing of which at least 50% of the aggregate square feet of the completed housing creates new affordable housing; or
- (ii) At least 33% of the aggregate square feet of the completed project creates new affordable housing.

Sec. C-2. 36 MRSA §5219-BB, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 361, §28 and affected by §37, is further amended to read:

A. "Certified affordable housing project" means a decent, safe and sanitary ~~dwelling, apartment or other living accommodation~~ multifamily rental housing project that

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1 contains at least 5 dwellings, apartments or other living accommodations and that has
 2 been certified by the Maine State Housing Authority as an affordable housing project
 3 pursuant to Title 30-A, section 4722, subsection 1, paragraph DD.

4 **Sec. C-3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 5 allocations are made.

6 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
 7 **Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002**

8 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming costs.

9	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
10	All Other	\$0	\$33,662
11			
12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$33,662

14 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**
 15 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
 16 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

16		2025-26	2026-27
17			
18	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$33,662
19			
20	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$33,662

21 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE**

22 **Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

23 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for 2 Historic Preservationist Coordinator positions and
 24 related All Other costs to implement the certification obligations of the Director of the
 25 Maine Historic Preservation Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 27,
 26 section 511 for the expanded small project credit under Title 36, section 5219-BB and the
 27 new tax credit for the rehabilitation and weatherization of historic homes under Title 36,
 28 section 5219-CCC. One position begins October 1, 2025 and one position begins January
 29 1, 2026.

30	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
31	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
32	Personal Services	\$147,248	\$246,830
33	All Other	\$19,038	\$30,461
34			
35	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$166,286	\$277,291

36 **Historic Preservation Commission 0036**

37 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for consulting services to assist in the analysis of the
 38 use of the tax credits provided.

39	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
40	All Other	\$0	\$50,000
41			
42	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION,
MAINE**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$166,286	\$327,291
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$166,286	\$327,291
SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$166,286	\$360,953
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$166,286	\$360,953

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates the bill's revisions to the caps on the rehabilitation credits for historic properties and affordable housing. The amendment also relieves the Maine State Housing Authority of the obligation to certify for the credit affordable housing projects with fewer than 5 units.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)