

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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H.P. 473 - L.D. 731

An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4357-B is enacted to read:

§4357-B. Homeless shelters

1. Definition. As used in this section, "homeless shelter" means a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements.

2. Homeless shelters may not be prohibited. A municipality may not prohibit homeless shelters in the municipality. This prohibition does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters.