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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**SENATE**  
**130TH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 387, L.D. 542, “An Act To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Establish the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §613** is enacted to read:

**§613. Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund**

**1. Fund established.** The Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services as an Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purposes of this section.

**2. Fund purposes.** For the purposes of assisting the board in ensuring the continuous operation of the Maine Veterans' Homes pursuant to section 604, subsection 6, the department may enter into agreements or cooperative arrangements with a state or federal agency or with any person, firm or corporation. The department may receive, administer and disburse any funds or contributions from a state or federal agency, person, firm or corporation, either independently or in conjunction with state funds allocated to these purposes.

**3. Nonlapsing.** Unexpended funds in the fund do not lapse at the end of any fiscal year but are carried forward to be used for the same purposes.

**4. Fund use; notification.** The department shall notify the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and over veterans affairs each time the department plans to transfer or expend any amount from the fund or otherwise affect the balance in the fund no less than 14 days prior to any transfer or expenditure, unless an emergency proclamation issued under section 742 is in effect. The notification must include the amount of funds required and the purpose for which the funds are required.

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

1           **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
2 allocations are made.

3           **DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT**  
4           **OF**

5           **Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund N963**

6           Initiative: Creates the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund with a base allocation of  
7 \$500 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23.

8 <b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
9           All Other	\$0	\$500
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11           OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500

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

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### SUMMARY

16           This amendment establishes the Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund in the  
17 Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans'  
18 Services.

19           **SPONSORED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

20           **(Senator BREEN, C.)**

21           **COUNTY: Cumberland**