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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1095, L.D. 1706, “An Act to Clarify Statewide Laws Regarding Affordable Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, current law requires, beginning July 1, 2023, all municipalities to allow a certain number of dwelling units under certain circumstances and the construction of accessory dwelling units on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit and to comply with certain other zoning requirements; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this legislation to extend the implementation date for certain municipalities; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

For an affordable housing development approved on or after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025, a municipality with density requirements shall apply density requirements in accordance with this section.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "affordable housing development" means:

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1 A. For rental housing, a development in which a household whose income does not
2 exceed 80% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act
4 of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended, can afford a majority
5 51% or more of the units ~~that the developer designates as affordable~~ in the development
6 without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs;
7 and

8 B. For owned housing, a development in which a household whose income does not
9 exceed 120% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States
10 Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act
11 of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended, can afford a majority
12 51% or more of the units ~~that the developer designates as affordable~~ in the development
13 without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs.'

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

15 '**Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is
16 amended to read:

17 B. A municipal zoning ordinance may establish a prohibition or an allowance for lots
18 where a dwelling unit in existence after July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025 is torn down and an empty
19 lot results.'

20 Amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

21 '**Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is
22 amended to read:

23 **10. Implementation.** A municipality is not required to implement the requirements
24 of this section until July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.'

25 Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

26 '**Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is
27 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

28 This subsection does not restrict the construction or permitting of accessory dwelling units
29 constructed and certified for occupancy prior to July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025.'

30 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting the following:

31 '**Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§4, ¶B**, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A,
32 §110, is amended to read:

33 B. For an accessory dwelling unit located within the same structure as a single-family
34 dwelling unit or attached to or sharing a wall with a single-family dwelling unit, the
35 setback requirements and dimensional requirements must be the same as the setback
36 requirements and dimensional requirements of the single-family dwelling unit, except
37 for an accessory dwelling unit permitted in an existing accessory building or secondary
38 building or garage as of July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025, in which case the requisite setback
39 requirements for such a structure apply. A municipality may establish more permissive
40 dimensional and setback requirements for an accessory dwelling unit.'

41 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 12 and inserting the following:

