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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 702, L.D. 1966, “An Act To Facilitate Access to Heating Assistance”

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, COVID-19 has decreased in-person access to community action agencies that administer fuel assistance; and

Whereas, individuals must apply annually for fuel assistance; and

Whereas, there is currently no online application for fuel assistance; and

Whereas, this legislation requires the Maine State Housing Authority to adopt rules requiring that online applications for fuel assistance be accepted beginning no later than the next winter season; 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 adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)