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House of Representatives, February 10, 2015

### **An Act To Combine Outstanding Student Loan Debt with a Home Mortgage**

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Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: BECK of Waterville, DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, GOODE of Bangor,  
POULIOT of Augusta, RUSSELL of Portland, TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, Senators: ALFOND  
of Cumberland, MILLETT of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1026-U** is enacted to read:

3 **§1026-U. Homes for Student Loans Program**

4 **1. Program established.** The Homes for Student Loans Program, referred to in this  
5 section as "the program," is established to develop a financial services loan product that  
6 combines outstanding federal and state student loans for higher education with a  
7 mortgage loan. The authority shall administer the program.

8 **2. Eligibility requirements.** Eligibility requirements must be established by rule of  
9 the authority and, at a minimum, must include:

10 A. That the applicant have received a bachelor's degree or graduate degree within 2  
11 years of the date of application;

12 B. That the applicant have outstanding federal or state student loans; and

13 C. That the applicant be seeking to purchase a home as the applicant's primary  
14 residence.

15 **3. Agreements with financial institutions.** The authority shall enter into  
16 agreements with financial institutions to offer loan products in accordance with this  
17 section and on terms and conditions acceptable to the authority.

18 **4. Rules.** The authority shall establish rules necessary to implement this section.  
19 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,  
20 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill establishes the Homes for Student Loans Program within the Finance  
23 Authority of Maine. The bill directs the authority to develop a loan product that combines  
24 outstanding federal and state student loan debt with a home mortgage.