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H.P. 473

House of Representatives, February 25, 2025

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

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and  
Representatives: ARFORD of Brunswick, BRENNAN of Portland, BRIDGEO of Augusta,  
CLOUTIER of Lewiston, DEBRITO of Waterville, EDER of Waterboro, SALISBURY of  
Westbrook, SUPICA of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3015** is enacted to read:

3 **§3015. Ordinances prohibiting homeless shelters**

4 A municipality may not enact or enforce an ordinance that prohibits the creation or  
5 operation of a homeless shelter.

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill prohibits municipalities from enacting or enforcing ordinances that prohibit  
8 the creation or operation of a homeless shelter.