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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 473, L.D. 731, “An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters”

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

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4357-B is enacted to read:

§4357-B. Homeless shelters

1. Definition. As used in this section, "homeless shelter" means a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements.

2. Homeless shelters may not be prohibited. A municipality may not prohibit homeless shelters in the municipality. This prohibition does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment creates a definition for the term "homeless shelter," which means a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements. The amendment prohibits a municipality from prohibiting homeless shelters in the municipality, but does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters.