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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 707, L.D. 1006, Bill, “An Act Regarding Housing Insecurity of Older Citizens”

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§34-A is enacted to read:

34-A.
Housing Advisory Council on Not Authorized 30-A MRSA §4726
Senior Housing

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4726 is enacted to read:

§4726. Advisory Council on Senior Housing

1. Appointment; composition. The Advisory Council on Senior Housing, referred to in this section as "the council" and established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 34-A, consists of the following members, appointed by the director of the Maine State Housing Authority, referred to in this section as "the director," unless otherwise specified:

- A. A representative of a state association that advocates on behalf of elderly residents;
- B. A representative of a national organization that advocates on behalf of the elderly population;
- C. A representative of a state organization that advocates for affordable housing;
- D. A representative of a state organization that advocates for low-income residents;
- E. A representative of a state organization that advocates for low-income elderly residents;
- F. A representative of a state organization that advocates for individuals with disabilities;

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- 1 G. A municipal or regional planner;
- 2 H. A representative of a community action agency as defined in Title 22, section
- 3 5321, subsection 2;
- 4 I. An individual licensed as an architect pursuant to Title 32, section 220, subsection
- 5 1 by the Maine State Board for Licensure of Architects, Landscape Architects and
- 6 Interior Designers;
- 7 J. A representative of an entity that receives funds from the Community
- 8 Development Block Grant Program established in Title 5, section 13073;
- 9 K. One Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 10 L. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
- 11 House.

12 At least one member of the council must be a member of a racial or ethnic minority in the

13 State.

14 **2. Terms; vacancy.** A term of a member of the council appointed by the director is

15 2 years, except a vacancy of a member before the expiration of the member's term must

16 be filled in the same manner as the original member for the unexpired portion of the

17 member's term. A legislative member serves during the term of office for which the

18 member was elected.

19 **3. Advisory group of federal agency representatives.** The council may form an

20 advisory group of federal agency representatives that may include representatives of the

21 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States

22 Department of Agriculture's rural development authority.

23 **4. Meetings.** The council shall meet at least 4 times per year at a time and location

24 determined by the director, except that the council is not required to meet more than twice

25 in 2017.

26 **5. Duties.** The council shall make recommendations to the director for the

27 development of a strategic housing plan enabling elderly residents of the State to live in

28 affordable, safe housing as they age. In developing its recommendations under this

29 subsection, the council shall:

30 A. Review existing data, reports and other materials to determine the unmet need for

31 affordable housing units for elderly residents;

32 B. Assess the financial burden of home modifications or repairs necessary to allow

33 elderly residents to remain in their homes, including elderly residents whose income

34 is at or below the area median income for their county or metropolitan area; and

35 C. Identify innovative strategies employed either within the State or by other states

36 to improve the ability of elderly residents to remain in their homes or to secure

37 alternative housing of their choice.

38 **6. Strategic housing plan.** The director shall develop by January 1, 2023 a strategic

39 housing plan enabling elderly residents of the State to live in affordable, safe housing as

40 they age. The strategic plan must set forth the recommendations submitted by the council

41 under subsection 5 and a summary of the information gathered by the council under

1 subsection 5 in support of those recommendations. The strategic plan must also include
 2 plans for meeting the unmet need for affordable housing units for elderly residents in the
 3 State and the financial resources that may be used to alleviate the financial burden of
 4 home modifications necessary to allow elderly residents of the State, including elderly
 5 residents whose income is at or below the area median income for their county or
 6 metropolitan area, to remain in their homes.

7 **7. Report.** The director shall submit a report regarding the development or
 8 implementation of the strategic housing plan described in subsection 6 to the joint
 9 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters on or
 10 before March 15th of the first regular session of each Legislature.

11 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 12 allocations are made.

13 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

14 **Advisory Council on Senior Housing N247**

15 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for administrative costs and staff support for the
 16 Advisory Council on Senior Housing.

17	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
18	All Other	\$45,200	\$45,200
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$45,200</u>	<u>\$45,200</u>

21	HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE		
22	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
23			
24	GENERAL FUND	\$45,200	\$45,200
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26	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$45,200</u>	<u>\$45,200</u>

27 **LEGISLATURE**

28 **Legislature 0081**

29 Initiative: Provides funding for the ongoing costs of one Senator and one member of the
 30 House of Representatives to participate on the Advisory Council on Senior Housing.

31	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
32	Personal Services	\$440	\$440
33	All Other	\$560	\$560
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35	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

1	LEGISLATURE		
2	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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4	GENERAL FUND	\$1,000	\$1,000
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6	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,000	\$1,000
7	SECTION TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
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9	GENERAL FUND	\$46,200	\$46,200
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11	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$46,200	\$46,200
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13 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment
 15 establishes the Advisory Council on Senior Housing to study the unmet need for
 16 affordable housing units for elderly residents of the State as well as the financial burden
 17 of home modifications and repairs necessary to enable the State's elderly residents to
 18 remain in their homes. The council is directed to make recommendations to the director
 19 of the Maine State Housing Authority for the development by January 1, 2023 of a
 20 strategic housing plan enabling elderly residents of the State to live in affordable, safe
 21 housing as they age. The director is directed to report to the joint standing committee of
 22 the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters on the development or
 23 implementation of the strategic housing plan by March 15th of the first regular session of
 24 each Legislature. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

26 **(See attached)**