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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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128TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1193, L.D. 1713, Bill, “An Act To Improve Housing Support in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program”

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 7th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "The" and inserting the following: 'A program participant shall accept a Section 8 voucher when it becomes available. Beginning July 1, 2018, the'

Amend the bill in section 1 in the indented paragraph in the 8th line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "the housing" and inserting the following: 'a housing'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Implementation. The Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that a person participating in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program does not lose assistance under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3011 as a result of the department requiring the person to contribute toward rent the same amount that is required of a participant in a housing voucher program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205**

Initiative: Provides funding to allow a participant in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program to contribute the same amount toward rent that is required of a participant in a housing voucher program administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
2	All Other	\$0	\$1,542,416
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,542,416</u>
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, requires that
 8 participants in the Bridging Rental Assistance Program accept a Section 8 voucher when
 9 it becomes available. The amendment provides a start date of July 1, 2018 for the
 10 requirement in the bill that the Department of Health and Human Services require a
 11 program participant to contribute the same amount toward rent that is required of a
 12 participant in a housing voucher program administered by the United States Department
 13 of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public
 14 Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8. It directs the Department of Health and Human
 15 Services to ensure that no program participants lose assistance during the transition to the
 16 new contribution amount. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

17 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
 18 **(See attached)**