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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 516, L.D. 1287, “An Act to Support Workforce Development by Establishing the Housing Stability Fund”

Amend the bill in section 1 in sub-c. 3-D in §4768 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: “distributions received from the fund” and inserting the following: ‘an allocation received from the fund and keep the total cost of program delivery and administrative costs to 25% or less of an allocation received from the fund’

Amend the bill in section 1 in sub-c. 3-D in §4768 by inserting after subsection 2 the following:

3. Program delivery and operations. The program must include funding and capacity for adequate staffing to support program delivery and operations, facilitate wraparound and navigation services and provide essential stability and case management critical to the success of program participants. An entity delegated to administer the program must be capable of serving a diverse population, including persons with limited proficiency in the English language and from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, and must possess demonstrated experience administering similar programs, including supplemental rental assistance and housing navigation programs. Staff members must substantially participate in ensuring equitable access and program compliance and in connecting renters with broader supports that promote long-term housing stability and workforce participation.’

Amend the bill in section 1 in sub-c. 3-D in §4768 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 559, Pt. I, §4 and affected by §15, is amended to read:

3. Disposition of funds. Each register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, pay over to the State Tax Assessor 90% of the tax collected pursuant to this section during the previous month. The remaining 10% must be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services rendered by the county in collecting the tax, except that, for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, each register of deeds shall, on or before the 10th day of each month, pay over to the

State Tax Assessor 90.8% of the tax collected pursuant to this section during the previous month. The remaining 9.2% must be retained for the county by the register of deeds and accounted for to the county treasurer as reimbursement for services rendered by the county in collecting the tax. If the tax collected is not paid over by the 10th day of the month, the State Tax Assessor may impose interest pursuant to section 186.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Stability Fund N517

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Housing Stability Support Program to provide support for eviction prevention.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Housing Stability Fund N517

Initiative: Provides a base allocation for use if outside funds are received from private sources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,000,500	\$1,000,500

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill's ongoing General Fund appropriations with one-time General Fund appropriations of \$1,000,000 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to the Maine State Housing Authority for the new Housing Stability Support Program established to provide assistance to eligible renters to prevent eviction. The amendment also includes a one-time adjustment in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 in the share of the real estate transfer tax retained by counties from 10% to 9.2%. The amendment

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1 also adds a \$500 Other Special Revenue Funds allocation in each year to be used if funds
2 are received from private sources.

3 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

4 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

5 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**