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House of Representatives, March 3, 2021

An Act To Provide Funding for 3 Veterans Services Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

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Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta. Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIAZZO of Scarborough, CONNOR of Lewiston, COSTAIN of Plymouth, DRINKWATER of Milford, O'CONNELL of Brewer, STETKIS of Canaan, WHITE of Waterville, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

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

Sec. 1. Coordination of veterans services. The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall work with state agencies and veterans organizations to coordinate homeless veterans services delivery, data collection and data analysis and reporting; identify homeless veterans as well as those at risk of becoming homeless; and serve as case managers to connect veterans with needed resources, including emergency food and clothing.

8 Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

10 DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT 11 OF

- 12 Veterans Services 0110
- 13 Initiative: Provides funding for 3 Veterans Services Officer positions and related costs.

14	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
15	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
16	Personal Services	\$171,624	\$228,832
17	All Other	\$9,135	\$12,180
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$180,759	\$241,012

20 SUMMARY

The bill requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to work with state agencies and veterans organizations to coordinate homeless veterans services delivery, data collection and data analysis and reporting; identify homeless veterans as well as those at risk of becoming homeless; and serve as case managers to connect veterans with needed resources, including emergency food and clothing.

This bill also provides funding for 3 Veterans Services Officer positions and related costs.