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In Senate, January 9, 2014

An Act To Support Homeless Shelters

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico and
Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, LACHOWICZ of Kennebec, Representatives:
DORNEY of Norridgewock, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GILBERT of Jay, JONES of
Freedom, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, STUCKEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services; Homeless Youth**
3 **Program.** The Department of Health and Human Services must allocate funds available
4 in the Homeless Youth Program based on the proportion of the total amount each
5 geographic region received during fiscal year 2012-13. The department may not
6 reallocate funds from one geographic region to another.

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

9 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

10 **Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661**

11 Initiative: Provides funds for homeless shelters to offset a reduction in federal funding.

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| 13 GENERAL FUND | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 14 All Other | \$0 | \$750,000 |
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| 16 GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$750,000</u> |

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to allocate funds
19 available in the Homeless Youth Program based on the proportion of the total amount
20 each geographic region received during fiscal year 2012-13 and prohibits the department
21 from reallocating funds between geographic regions.

22 The bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$750,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for
23 the Maine State Housing Authority to provide funding for homeless shelters.