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H.P. 1370

House of Representatives, January 3, 2024

## An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Adopting Moratoria on Emergency Shelters

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

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative LOOKNER of Portland. Cosponsored by Representative: CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D is enacted to read:
3 4	§4364-D. Emergency shelter moratoria prohibited in municipalities with populations exceeding 30,000
5 6 7 8	A municipality with a population exceeding 30,000 people may not adopt a moratorium on the establishment of an emergency shelter. For the purposes of this section, "emergency shelter" means a facility with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.
9	SUMMARY
10 11 12	This bill prohibits municipalities with populations exceeding 30,000 people from adopting moratoria on the establishment of emergency shelters that provide temporary shelter for persons experiencing homelessness.