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In Senate, March 25, 2021

### **An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters**

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Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 23, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§8**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 464, §1, is further  
3 amended by adding after the first blocked paragraph a new blocked paragraph to read:

4 "Place of public accommodation" does not include a facility, owned and operated by a  
5 private entity, that provides emergency shelter to women or temporary residence to women  
6 who are in reasonable fear of their safety.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill exempts from the definition of "place of public accommodation" in the Maine  
9 Human Rights Act privately owned and operated facilities that provide emergency shelter  
10 to women or temporary housing for women who are in reasonable fear of their safety.