

Rule-Making Fact Sheet
(5 MRSA §8057-A)

AGENCY: 99-346 Maine State Housing Authority

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: Chapter 1, Home Mortgage Program Rule

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 30-A M.R.S.A. §4741.1

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 9:30 AM at Maine State Housing Authority, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-4633

COMMENT DEADLINE: Friday, March 30, 2018 at 5:00 PM

PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR REPEALING AND REPLACING THIS RULE:

The replacement rule repeals and replaces the current Chapter 1, *Home Mortgage Program Rule*. The replacement rule: (i) Changes MSHA references to MaineHousing; (ii) The new mortgage requirement is clarified to state that a homebuyer may not *currently* have a mortgage on the residence; (iii) Mobile home security requirements are updated to comply with current law; (iv) The requirement for fidelity insurance on condominiums is changed from condominiums with greater than 30 units to condominiums with greater than 20 units; (v) Language allowing MaineHousing to limit mortgage insurers by type of mortgage insurer is added; (vi) The section on application requirements for lenders to participate in our single family requirements is expanded; (vii) The Servicing Agreement is referenced in the section requiring indemnification from a Qualified Servicer.

A copy of the proposed replacement rule may be found at www.mainehousing.org.

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE:

The Home Mortgage Program Rule sets forth the eligibility requirements and program administration for MaineHousing's Home Mortgage Program. Under the program, MaineHousing provides a secondary market for low interest mortgage loans to finance single-family residences.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: NONE

FOR RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED:

BENEFITS OF THE RULE:

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.