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An Act To Require State Agencies To Give Priority to State Armories When Renting Space for Meetings

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CROCKETT of Bethel.
Cosponsored by Senator FARNHAM of Penobscot and
Representatives: BEAULIEU of Auburn, CAREY of Lewiston, VALENTINO of Saco,
WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senator: PATRICK of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1754** is enacted to read:

3 **§1754. Department and agency use of state armory space for meetings**

4 **1. Availability.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau
5 of General Services shall coordinate with the Department of Defense, Veterans and
6 Emergency Management, Military Bureau to determine the availability of space in
7 armories that is appropriate for the needs of state departments and agencies holding
8 meetings or activities outside of their normal locations. The Military Bureau shall
9 distribute information regarding available space in armories to all departments and
10 agencies.

11 **2. Priority consideration.** A state department or agency holding a meeting or
12 activity outside of its normal location must give priority to the use of any available space
13 in an armory within 10 miles of the area from which the majority of the persons attending
14 the meeting or activity will be traveling to the meeting or activity. The Director of the
15 Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial
16 Services may waive the requirements of this subsection if the director concludes that
17 another location is required by state or federal law or if an armory is not available that
18 contains facilities that are necessary for the meeting or activity.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires state departments and agencies that hold meetings or other activities
21 outside of their normal locations to give priority to space in state armories within a
22 reasonable distance unless another location is required by law or an armory is not
23 available that contains facilities that are necessary for the meeting or activity.