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### An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*R. B. Hunt*  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DHALAC of South Portland, GATTINE of Westbrook, STOVER of Boothbay, Senators: DUSON of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin.

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

2       **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §200-O** is enacted to read:

3       **§200-O. Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

4       **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the  
5       following terms have the following meanings.

6       A. "Hate crime" means a crime in which the perpetrator selected the victim or the  
7       property that was damaged or otherwise affected by the crime because of the race,  
8       color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual  
9       orientation, gender identity or homelessness of the victim or of the owner or occupant  
10      of that property.

11      B. "Program" means the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program established in  
12      subsection 2.

13      C. "Serious bodily injury" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection  
14      23.

15      D. "Terror attack" means an attack that causes serious bodily injury or death to multiple  
16      persons or causes substantial damage to a structure and is made for the purpose of  
17      intimidating or coercing a civilian population or to affect the conduct of government.

18       **2. Program established.** The Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program is established  
19      in the Office of the Attorney General to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to  
20      improve security at property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect  
21      against hate crimes and terror attacks.

22       **3. Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant from the program, a nonprofit organization  
23      must:

24       A. Be a tax-exempt organization under 26 United States Code, Section 501(c)(3); and  
25       B. Demonstrate that the organization or the organization's facilities are at high risk of  
26      a hate crime or terror attack.

27       **4. Use of grants.** A nonprofit organization awarded a grant from the program shall  
28      use that grant for:

29       A. Physical security enhancements;  
30       B. The cost of security personnel; or  
31       C. The development or enhancement of security plans and protocols.

32       **5. Administration.** The Office of the Attorney General shall administer the program  
33      and shall develop guidelines and criteria to award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations  
34      under subsection 3 using a request for proposals process.

35       **6. Rules.** The Office of the Attorney General may adopt routine technical rules as  
36      described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this section.

37       **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
38      allocations are made.

39       **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

1	<b>Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program N561</b>
2	Initiative: Provides one-time funding to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations in
3	improving security to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks.
4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>
5	All Other
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL
8	<b>SUMMARY</b>

9       This bill establishes the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the Office of the  
10      Attorney General to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to improve security at  
11      property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect against hate crimes  
12      and terror attacks. The office administers the program and must develop guidelines and  
13      criteria to award grants to nonprofit organizations using a request for proposals process.