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mation to industry members, and the committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 103

H.P. 652 - L.D. 1005

Resolve, to Study Authorization for Municipal Fire Departments with Trained Personnel to Conduct Fire Sprinkler System Plan Reviews

Sec. 1. Office of State Fire Marshal to convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to study allowing the office to authorize municipal fire departments with trained personnel to conduct fire sprinkler system plan reviews.

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the working group must consist of a broad representation of stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the following members:

1. The State Fire Marshal, or the fire marshal's designee;
2. The chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 12, or the chair's designee;
3. A representative from a statewide association of fire chiefs;
4. A representative from a statewide association of municipalities; and
5. A representative from a municipal fire department seeking to conduct the fire department's own fire sprinkler system plan reviews.

Sec. 3. Duties of working group. Resolved: That the working group shall examine:

1. The status of fire sprinkler system plan reviews in the State, including, but not limited to, data regarding the number of fire sprinkler system permits issued annually, the amount of time taken to issue the permits and the number of preliminary fire sprinkler system permits issued;
2. The best procedures to allow the office to grant authority to a municipal fire department to conduct the municipality's fire sprinkler system plan reviews; and
3. Strategies to address the office's staffing needs.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by December 3, 2025, the office shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may submit legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 104

S.P. 139 - L.D. 353

Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, deed fraud occurs when a person sells real property by falsely claiming to be the property owner and records a deed of the fraudulently induced sale in the registry of deeds, depriving the rightful owner of a significant asset without the owner's knowledge; and

Whereas, the process for the rightful owner of the property to nullify a fraudulently recorded deed is not only time-consuming and expensive but, if successful, can also leave the innocent purchaser of the property with neither the property nor the funds used to purchase the property from the perpetrator of the deed fraud; and

Whereas, this legislation establishes the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State to study options for both preventing deed fraud and recompensing the victims of deed fraud; and

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.