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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1695,  
L. D. 2088, Bill, "AN ACT Clarifying Sprinkler  
System Requirements in Boarding Homes."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the  
enacting clause, the following emergency preamble:

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

Whereas, it was the intent of chapter 187 of  
the public laws of 1973 to exclude boarding or  
lodging homes having 6 or less boarders or  
lodgers from all provisions of the Life Safety  
Code; and

Whereas, said chapter did not accomplish  
the intended change;and

Whereas, said chapter has created administra-  
tive uncertainties and confusion in interpreting  
legislative intent; 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, '

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Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following emergency clause:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The intent of chapter 187 of the public laws of 1973 was to exclude boarding or lodging homes having 6 or less boarders or lodgers from all regulations of the Life Safety Code. The wording of this chapter did not accomplish this change and has created administrative uncertainties and confusion. This amendment would accomplish the intended change.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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