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SENATE AMENDMENT " A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1129, L.D. 1405, Bill, "AN ACT to Institute a Fee System for Hospital, Nursing Home and Boarding Home Licenses to Fund Costs of Licensing."

Amend said Amendment by striking out all that part designated section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2452, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 660, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Existing boarding homes or other existing buildings licensed pursuant to Title 22, section 5, having more than 6 boarders, shall comply with any rules and regulations for residential-custodial care facilities required by the State Fire Marshal's Office, except that such existing facilities of not more than 2 stories in height shall not be required to be fire resistive, protected or unprotected noncombustible, protected wood frame or heavy timber construction. Such existing facilities must be protected by a complete approved automatic sprinkler system and meet all other requirements of residential-custodial care facilities as required by the State Fire Marshal's Office.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment changes section 3 of Committee Amendment "A" by exempting not only existing boarding homes, but also other existing buildings to be transformed into boarding homes, from compliance with certain standards of construction. Compliance with such safety standards entails a great deal of cost to the operators of these older facilities. This amendment will ease the financial burden on these facilities and will enable them to continue or begin

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to operate.

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