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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-267)

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" (to H.P. 488, L.D. 617, Bill, "AN ACT to Require Construction Permits Prior to Building Hotels and Motels with 2 or More Stories."

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2448, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4, is further amended to read:

No person, firm or corporation shall construct or alter any existing structure to become a public building, schoolhouse, hospital, convalescent, nursing or boarding home to be licensed by the Division of Hospital Services, Department of Human Services, theater or other place of public assembly, hotel or motel of 2 or more stories or any building to be state owned or operated, without first obtaining from the Commissioner of Public Safety a permit therefor.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2449, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: §2449. Penalty

Whoever violates the provisions of section 2448 shall be guilty of a Class E crime. '

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is 3-fold: To add hotels and motels of 2 or more stories to the list of buildings which require a fire safety permit for construction; to ensure that permits are required for alteration of existing structures as well as new construction; and to bring the penalty for failure to obtain a permit into conformity with the Maine Criminal Code.

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