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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1729, L.D. 1848, Bill,
"AN ACT to Require Fire Warning Equipment in all Residential
Dwellings."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything in section 1
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2464 is enacted to read:

§2464. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Multi-family dwelling. "Multi-family dwelling" means
any structure containing 2 or more dwelling units.

2. Renovated. "Renovated" means any improvements or alter-
ations made to multi-family dwellings, the costs of which equal
or exceed 25% of the appraised value of the dwelling after com-
pletion of the improvement.

§2465. Fire detection equipment

In any multi-family dwelling constructed or renovated after
January 1, 1981, an approved smoke, heat or fire detection system
operated by electrical current or powered by batteries shall be
provided and installed. Detectors shall be installed in accor-
dance with the manufacturer's instructions, but in no case shall
more than one detector be required per dwelling unit.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to require so-called "smoke detectors" in all multi-family dwellings constructed or renovated after January 1, 1981, rather than requiring such systems in all housing units prior to sale.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs
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