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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 **Legislative Document**

No. 2129

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8 H. P. 2297 House of Representatives April, 1, 1982
Pursuant to Resolves of 1981, chapter 34.
Reported by Representative LaPlante from the Committee on Local
and County Government and printed under Joint Rules No. 2.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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10 STATE OF MAINE
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12 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
13 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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15 **RESOLVE, Requiring the State Planning**
16 **Office to Conduct a Follow-up Study on Muni-**
17 **cipal Practices Relating to Manufactured**
18 **Housing and Report Its Findings to the Local**
19 **and County Government Committee.**
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21 **Preamble.** Whereas, Resolve 1979, chapter 54, directed
22 the Department of Business Regulation and the State Planning
23 Office to conduct a study of municipal land use practices
24 pertaining to manufactured housing; and

25 Whereas, Resolve 1981, chapter 34, directed the State
26 Planning Office to undertake an educational program on manu-
27 factured housing; and

28 Whereas, the first of these efforts determined that 120
29 Maine municipalities have ordinances which restrict manufac-
30 tured housing, and the Review Committee on Manufactured
31 Housing noted that some of these ordinances may be reason-
32 able, but "others have an exclusionary effect that may not
33 be justified by public health, safety or general welfare";
34 and

1 Whereas, the educational program recently completed was
2 undertaken to provide municipalities with current informa-
3 tion on manufactured housing, housing needs and costs, and
4 also in hopes that municipalities, given time and up-to-date
5 information, would act on their own to amend local land use
6 ordinances to eliminate exclusion and insure that Maine cit-
7 izens would have access to affordable housing in all Maine
8 towns on individual lots and in parks, and would thereby
9 make enactment of state legislation unnecessary; and

10 Whereas, since these issues were raised, it has become
11 apparent that additional time is needed for municipal offi-
12 cials to update comprehensive plans, amend ordinances and
13 resolve the problems locally; and

14 Whereas, the housing needs of Maine citizens have
15 become more acute, mortgage interest rates remain high, con-
16 ventional housing costs are not affordable to many Maine
17 people and manufactured housing may be an affordable choice
18 for many of Maine's citizens; and

19 Whereas, in view of these facts, it is necessary and
20 appropriate for the Legislature to determine precisely what
21 progress has been, and is being, made in removing the
22 exclusionary barriers to manufactured housing in municipal
23 ordinances and to give municipal officials additional time
24 to effect such changes; now, therefore, be it

25 **State Planning Office to update siting**
26 **study. Resolved:** That the State Planning Office shall
27 update the portion on municipal practices and requirements
28 relating to the siting of manufactured housing of the study
29 report produced pursuant to Resolve 1979. The Senate Chair-
30 man and the House Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee
31 on Local and County Government shall assist with the study
32 and be kept informed of its progress; and be it further

33 **State Planning Office to report findings. Resolved:**
34 That the State Planning Office shall report its findings to
35 the Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government
36 by the end of April, 1983; and be it further

37 **Joint standing committee to review find-**
38 **ings. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Local
39 and County Government shall review the findings and recom-
40 mend any appropriate legislation to the First or Second
41 Regular Session of the 111th Legislature for its considera-
42 tion.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The purpose of this resolve is to provide a method of
3 monitoring the practices of Maine municipalities in regu-
4 lating the siting of manufactured housing. An educational
5 program conducted by the State Planning Office pursuant to
6 Resolve 1981 provided municipalities with information on
7 manufactured housing and revealed a need for municipalities
8 to continue to review current ordinances regulating manufac-
9 tured housing. This resolve requires the State Planning
10 Office to update information gathered in 1980 on land use
11 regulations pertaining to the siting of manufactured housing
12 in Maine towns and cities and to report its findings to the
13 Joint Standing Committee on Local and County Government.

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