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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1556

H.P. 1173

House of Representatives, May 5, 1983

Reported by Representative Cox from the Committee on Legal Affairs
and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Representative Nadeau of Lewiston.

Cosponsored by Representative Lisnik of Presque Isle, Representative Hobbins
of Saco and Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

**RESOLVE, Providing for a Study to
Determine the Need for a Statewide Task
Force on Arson.**

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

Whereas, fires of suspicious origin cause great
human and economic impact in this State; and

Whereas, many states have arson task forces to
coordinate government and private industry responses
to the problem of arson, to develop strategy and to
serve as a policy forum to attack arson on a state-
wide basis; and

1 Whereas, arson task forces bring together the
2 many parties involved in arson response to share
3 their ideas and find ways to prevent arson; and

4 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,
5 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of
6 the Constitution of Maine and require the following
7 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-
8 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety and Joint
11 Standing Committee on Legal Affairs to study need for
12 task force; report. Resolved: That the Department
13 of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal,
14 is authorized and directed to assist the Joint Stand-
15 ing Committee on Legal Affairs, which shall conduct a
16 study to determine the need for a Statewide Task
17 Force on Arson; and be it further

18 Sec. 2. Committee, findings and recommenda-
19 tions. Resolved: That the committee shall report
20 its findings and recommendations, together with any
21 necessary implementing legislation, to the Second
22 Regular Session of the 111th Legislature; and be it
23 further

24 Sec. 3. General Fund reimbursement on expenses
25 for members of committee. Resolved: That the fol-
26 lowing funds are appropriated from the General Fund
27 to reimburse members of the committee for reasonable
28 travel and other expenses and to pay Legislators a
29 per diem in order to carry out the purpose of this
30 resolve. Any unexpended balance shall not lapse, but
31 shall be carried forward until the purpose of this
32 resolve has been accomplished.

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35 Joint Standing Committee on

36 Legal Affairs

37 All Other

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