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L.D. 852

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
112TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 582, L.D. 852,
Bill, "AN ACT to Authorize an Elderly Housing Project
at Pineland Center."

Amend the bill by striking out the title and in-
serting in its place the following:

'Resolve, to Create a Special Commission to Study
the Utilization of Vacant Buildings at Pineland Cen-
ter.'

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

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

Whereas, there presently exists a number of va-
cant buildings at Pineland Center; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the State to
effectively use all of its existing resources; and

Whereas, existing public and private resources
are not adequate to meet the needs and potential of
the State's citizens; and

Whereas, the unused public buildings at Pineland
Center may be a resource which could help meet those
needs; and

Whereas, the members of the 112th Legislature
find that a coordinated effort utilizing the re-
sources and expertise of both the public and private
sectors is necessary in addressing this problem to

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1 the benefit of all citizens of the State; and

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

8 Commission established. Resolved: That a Special
9 Commission to Study the Utilization of Vacant Build-
10 ings at Pineland Center be created. The commission
11 shall consist of 13 members as follows: One member to
12 the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speak-
13 er of the House of Representatives; one member of the
14 Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; the
15 Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
16 or his designee; the Director of Public Improvements
17 or his designee; 9 members appointed by the Governor,
18 including one representative of the Board of Visi-
19 tors, Pineland Center; one representative of the Con-
20 sumer Advisory Board for the Mentally Retarded; one
21 representative of Pineland Parents and Friends; one
22 representative of the Maine State Employees Associa-
23 tion; one representative of the American Federation
24 of State, County and Municipal Employees; a represen-
25 tative from the Town of Gray; a representative from
26 the Town of New Gloucester; a representative of the
27 Bureau of Maine's Elderly; and a representative of
28 the Maine State Housing Authority.

29 The members shall be appointed in a timely manner
30 and the commission shall hold an organizational meet-
31 ing at the call of the chairman of the Legislative
32 Counsel within 30 days after the effective date of
33 this resolve. At this meeting, the commission shall
34 elect a chairman and vice-chairman from within the
35 membership. Members who are not state employees shall
36 receive expenses for meals and travel in accordance
37 with Title 5, chapter 377; and be it further

38 Report. Resolved: That this select committee

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1 shall report its findings, together with any neces-
2 sary legislation, to the Governor and the Second Reg-
3 ular Session of the 112th Legislature not later than
4 January 10, 1986. This report shall:

5 1. Identify existing buildings at Pineland Cen-
6 ter which are currently not used or not fully used
7 for the present and future needs of the center;

8 2. Identify innovative approaches in this State
9 and elsewhere which address similar building utiliza-
10 tion; and

11 3. Develop a plan which indentifies:

12 A. Potential occupants who would use any space
13 that is identified as valuable; and

14 B. Recommendations for financieng needed
15 renovations of existing space, including a
16 cost-benefit analysis for additional investment
17 of state funds; and be it further

18 **Staff support. Resolved:** That the Department of
19 Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Bureau of
20 Public Improvements shall provide staff support to
21 this commission.

22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited
23 in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when
24 approved.

25 FISCAL NOTE

26 The costs associated with the special commission
27 may be absorbed within existing resources of the De-
28 partment of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment creates a Special Commission to
3 Study the Utilization of Vacant Buildings at Pineland
4 Center.

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