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L.D. 2060

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1510, L.D. 2060,
Bill, "An Act to Limit Rent Increases in Mobile Home
Parks."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title
and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Create a Commission to Examine Rent
Increases and Other Issues Concerning Mobile Homes.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything
after the title and inserting in its place the
following:

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
follows:

Sec. 1. Commission created; duties. There is
established the Commission on Manufactured Housing to
examine issues affecting manufactured housing,
including mobile home parks and mobile home owners.
Among the issues to be examined are: Unreasonable
rent increases; the eviction process for removing
tenants of mobile home parks; unreasonable rules;
unreasonable fees or charges; conduct of real estate
agents in the sale of mobile homes; tenants' rights of
first refusal when the park is for sale; protection of
tenants' organizations; prohibiting the importation of
pre-1976 mobile homes into the State or
municipalities; the safety of mobile homes; the role
manufactured housing plays in providing affordable
housing; zoning for mobile homes and mobile home
parks, especially as it relates to older mobile homes;

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1 municipal regulation of mobile home parks; and any
2 other issues which affect the health, safety and
3 continued viability of mobile home owners, mobile home
4 parks and manufactured housing in general. The
5 commission shall consult with the Maine State Housing
6 Authority and the Manufactured Housing Board which
7 shall provide information and assistance.

8 **Sec. 2. Commission membership.** The commission
9 shall consist of 13 members to be appointed as
10 follows: Two members of the Joint Standing Committee
11 on Legal Affairs, one to be appointed by the Speaker
12 of the House and one to be appointed by the President
13 of the Senate; 2 members of the Joint Standing
14 Committee on Business Legislation, one to be appointed
15 by the Speaker of the House and one to be appointed by
16 the President of the Senate; 2 members of the Joint
17 Standing Committee on State and Local Government, one
18 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to
19 be appointed by the President of the Senate; 2
20 representatives of mobile home park owners and
21 operators, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the
22 House and one to be appointed by the President of the
23 Senate; 2 representatives of mobile home owners, one
24 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and one to
25 be appointed by the President of the Senate; one
26 representative of manufacturers and retail dealers
27 from the Manufactured House Association of Maine, to
28 be appointed by that organization; one representative
29 of the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors
30 Association to be appointed by that organization; and
31 one representative of the Municipal Association to be
32 appointed by that organization. The appointing
33 authorities shall make the required appointments by
34 September 1, 1988 and shall notify the Executive
35 Director of the Legislative Council when the
36 appointments have been made.

37 **Sec. 3. Commission compensation.** The
38 commission members shall be compensated for expenses
39 only.

40 **Sec. 4. Commission schedule; meetings; staff.**
41 The Executive Director of the Legislative Council
42 shall convene the first meeting of the commission no
43 later than October 1, 1988. The commission shall

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1 elect a chairman from the membership at the first
2 meeting. The commission shall hold up to 10 meetings
3 as necessary to carry out its responsibilities. The
4 Legislative Council and the Department of the Attorney
5 General shall provide staff and assistance to the
6 commission.

7 **Sec. 5. Report; reporting date.** The commission
8 shall report its findings and recommendations,
9 including any suggested legislation, to the Second
10 Regular Session of the 114th Legislature in a written
11 report submitted by December 1, 1989.

12 **Sec. 6. Appropriation.** The following funds are
13 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
14 purposes of this Act.

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17 Commission on Manufactured Housing

18 All Other \$8,800

19 Provides funds for the
20 travel and related
21 expenses of the
22 Commission on
23 Manufactured Housing.'

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This amendment creates the Commission on
26 Manufactured Housing to study issues concerning
27 manufactured housing, especially as they relate to
28 mobile home parks and owners of mobile homes,
29 including unreasonable rent increases, which the
30 Legislature did not have time to consider and resolve
31 this session. The commission will consist of
32 representatives of the Legislature and the various

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1 interest groups in the manufactured housing industry.
2 The commission will report its findings and
3 recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the
4 114th Legislature.

5 The emergency preamble and clause are removed.

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