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Reported by Representative PRIEST for the Commission on Manufactured Housing pursuant to Private and Special Law 1987, chapter 139.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

Id Pest EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, Directing the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning to Prepare a Guide to the Manufactured Housing Laws.

(EMERGENCY)



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

Whereas, manufactured housing often offers the only form of affordable housing to some Maine citizens; and

Whereas, the Legislature enacted legislation in 1988
 9 designed to ease the scarcity of mobile home park spaces and the components of that legislation have effective dates of January 1, 1989 and January 1, 1990; and

13 Whereas, municipalities must comply with the requirements of these laws, but often do not have the staff or expertise to 15 determine appropriate methods of meeting the requirements; and

Whereas, the Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning will
 be assisting municipalities in fulfilling their comprehensive
 planning responsibilities under Public Law 1987, chapter 766; and

21 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 23 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 25 safety; now, therefore, be it

Preparation of guide. Resolved: That 27 the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning, with help from the Maine Municipal Association and 29 the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine, shall prepare a 31 quide to assist municipalities in complying with the statutory requirements concerning opportunities for new and expanded mobile 33 home parks, as enacted by Public Law 1987, chapter 770; and be it further

Deadline. Resolved: That the guide shall be produced and 37 distributed within 4 months of the effective date of this resolve; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are 41 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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47 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

49 Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning

51 All Other

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Deappropriates funds not needed due to delay in implementing the local enforcement salary reimbursements.

5 Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning

All Other

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9 Provides funds for consulting fees and other related costs to produce a guidebook for
11 municipalities to use in complying with the law governing the regulation of mobile home
13 parks.

15 DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

TOTAL

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the 21 preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

of 27 This resolve is an interim recommendation the Manufactured Housing Commission, created by Private and Special 29 Law 1987, chapter 139. This resolve requires the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Comprehensive Land Use Planning, to work with the Maine Municipal Association and 31 the Manufactured Housing Association of Maine to develop a 33 guidebook for municipalities to use in complying with the law governing the regulation of mobile home parks by municipalities. 35 The State Planning Office was responsible for a similar guide in 1984 which was a tremendous help to municipalities in meeting the 37 state requirements for acceptance of manufactured housing placed on individual lots.

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It is anticipated that the cost of producing the guide can be absorbed within existing resources which were appropriated for planning assistance purposes. Because compliance with Public Law 1987, chapter 770 requires towns to revise their planning and zoning efforts to include manufactured housing, production of the guide is an appropriate use of those funds.