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L.D. 1645

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
114TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 583, L.D. 1645, "Resolve, to Establish the Commission on New Standards of Fire Safety for Buildings Occupied by State Workers"

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

Resolve, to Provide for the Evaluation of Fire Safety Standards in Buildings Occupied by State Workers

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, the Commissioner of Administration, in conjunction with the Interdepartmental Committee on Safety in the Workplace and the Labor Management Committee on Building Safety are directed by this resolve to evaluate fire safety standards in buildings occupied by state workers and report their findings and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 114th Legislature; and

Whereas, this evaluation must be initiated prior to the effective date of legislation enacted by the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature; and

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

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Sec. 1. Evaluation of fire safety standards. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administration, working with the Interdepartmental Committee on Safety in the Workplace and the Labor Management Committee on Building Safety, shall evaluate the effectiveness and implementation of fire safety standards in buildings occupied by state workers including state-owned and leased facilities. Facility areas to be evaluated shall include, but not be limited to, exit doors, fire escapes, upper floor exits, basements, incompatible uses, sprinklers, fire drills and emergency lights; and be it further

Sec. 2. Consultation with other interested parties. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administration shall consult with the Department of Public Safety, the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, an organization representing municipal code enforcement officers and an organization representing landlords who lease facilities in which state employees work, with respect to the evaluation required in this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administration shall report the findings of the required evaluation, along with recommendations for implementation, and, if possible, estimated costs of these recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than January 31, 1990.

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Administration and the Department of Public Safety will be able to implement the requirements of this bill within current budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Administration, working with a variety of interested parties, to evaluate fire safety standards and their implementation as it affects facilities occupied by state employees. A report with recommendations will be made to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by January 31, 1990.

Reported by Senator Berube for the Committee on State and Local Government. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.