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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 295, L.D. 359, "Resolve, to Establish a Study Group to Assess the Needs of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and Ensure Prompt, Effective Response to the Public's Fire Safety Needs"

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 8th and 9th lines (page 1, lines 18 and 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "representative of a professional firefighters' union" and inserting in its place the following: 'certified firefighter'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the 10th and 11th lines (page 1, lines 20 and 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House" and inserting in its place the following: 'by the Governor'

Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January 1, 1998" and inserting in its place the following: 'March 1, 1998'

Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the last line (page 1, line 52 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "; and be it further" and inserting in its place the following: '.'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 8 (page 2, lines 1 and 2 in L.D.)

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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The additional costs associated with providing staffing and clerical support and printing the report of a study group reviewing the Office of the State Fire Marshal can be absorbed by the Department of Public Safety utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the membership of the study group in 2 ways.

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1. It states that one member must be a certified firefighter, rather than a representative of a professional firefighters' union.

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2. It states that the representative from the fire insurance industry is appointed by the Governor, rather than by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

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This amendment also changes the date that the study group must submit its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice from January 1st to March 1, 1998.

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Finally, this amendment deletes the provision authorizing the study group to seek, accept and expend private or public funds and adds a fiscal note.

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