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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 295

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

**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.**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro.  
Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, KONTOS of Windham, LABRECQUE of  
Gorham, THOMPSON of Naples, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

2           **Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved:** That the  
3 Commissioner of Public Safety shall convene a study group to  
4 review and consider improvements to the role of the Office of the  
5 State Fire Marshal in becoming more responsive to the public and  
6 in providing better service to the public. Specifically, the  
7 study group shall review the current resources, services  
8 provided, issues of concern, funding and the law enforcement role  
9 of the Office of the State Fire Marshal within the Department of  
10 Public Safety; and be it further

11           **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the study group consists  
12 of the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's  
13 designee; the State Fire Marshal; one representative from the  
14 Fire Investigations Division within the Office of the State Fire  
15 Marshal appointed by the State Fire Marshal; one representative  
16 from the Inspections Division within Administrative Services of  
17 the Department of Public Safety appointed by the Commissioner of  
18 Public Safety; one representative of a professional firefighters'  
19 union appointed by the Governor; one representative of the fire  
20 insurance industry appointed jointly by the President of the  
21 Senate and the Speaker of the House; one member from the Maine  
22 Prosecutors Association appointed from among its members; one  
23 member of the law enforcement community appointed by the Maine  
24 Chiefs of Police Association; 4 fire chiefs, 2 from the Northern  
25 Division and 2 from the Southern Division, appointed by the  
26 Executive Board of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association and one  
27 Legislator representing the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal  
28 Justice appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the  
29 Speaker of the House; and be it further

30           **Sec. 3. Convening of study group. Resolved:** That the Chair of  
31 the Legislative Council shall call the first meeting of the study  
32 group between the 30th and 45th days following the effective date  
33 of this resolve. A quorum is a majority of the members; and be  
34 it further

35           **Sec. 4. Selection of chair. Resolved:** That the study group shall  
36 select a chair from among the members at the first meeting; and  
37 be it further

38           **Sec. 5. Staffing. Resolved:** That the Department of Public  
39 Safety shall provide staffing and clerical support to the study  
40 group; and be it further

41           **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the study  
42 group serve without per diem or expenses; and be it further

43           **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the study group shall submit  
44 its report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice by  
45 January 1, 1998. If the study group requires an extension, it  
46 may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the  
47 extension; and be it further

2           **Sec. 8. Funding. Resolved:** That the study group may seek,  
accept and expend private or public funding for its activities.

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#### SUMMARY

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8           This resolve establishes a study group to review and  
consider improvements to the role of the Office of the State Fire  
10 Marshal in becoming more responsive to the public and in  
providing better service to the public.