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H.P. 1548

House of Representatives, January 28, 1998

An Act to Require Alternate Sources of Power for Elderly Housing.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield.
Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DESMOND of Mapleton, FARNSWORTH of
Portland, FULLER of Manchester, GERRY of Auburn, JONES of Greenville, NASS of
Acton, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

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

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4 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7902-A, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

6 5-A. Congregate housing rules on alternate sources of
8 energy. The commissioner shall adopt rules that require
10 congregate housing for older persons, as defined in Title 5,
12 section 4581, subsection 2, to have an alternate source of power,
14 such as a generator, available in the event the main source of
16 power is unavailable. The rules must prescribe the acceptable
18 types of alternate energy, as well as the minimum power levels
20 necessary to provide, at a minimum, heat to the congregate
22 housing. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine
 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
 II-A.

SUMMARY

20 This bill requires the Commissioner of Human Services to
22 adopt rules that require a congregate housing facility for older
 persons to have a generator available for emergency use to
 provide heat to the facility.